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Voided ticket was Lotto Max $30M winner

OUCH Someone returned a Lotto Max ticket that eventually turned out to be the winner — and worth $30 million.

A woman working at a neighbourhood store near St. John's N.L., said the cashier accidentally printed a $27 ticket and voided it when the unidentified customer said they had wanted one worth about $10.

That voided ticket ended up containing the winning numbers when the draw was conducted four days later, according to The Atlantic Lottery Corp.

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As BP attempts to cap the leaking oil well, crews continue the cleanup effort along the shores of affected areas. Left, a Brown Pelican is seen covered in oil on the beach at East Grand Terre Island in Louisiana on Thursday. Right, Christina Schilleci, of Louisiana State Animal Response team, cleans another oiled pelican in Buras, La. **Coverage, pages 16, 20.**

MacLean runs to rescue

NHL sportscaster aids drowning, suicidal man in Philadelphia

Hockey Night in Canada fixture Ron MacLean was part of a heroic river rescue in the City of Brotherly Love on Thursday.

MacLean was having lunch on a patio by the Delaware River in Philadelphia with Don Cherry when a woman with a "heavy French accent" came in and said "help, help there's someone in the water."

"There was four or five of us around," said MacLean, who was taking a break from filming segments for one of Cherry's "Rock 'em Sock 'em" videos.

Ron MacLean

"We jump up and I grabbed a velvet rope off one of the dividers they have in the restaurant," he said. "I thought that'd be useful to help pull the guy out of the water."

MacLean said he jumped over a wrought-iron railing they have around the patio and went down to the river.

Another man, "I think the husband or boyfriend ... of the woman," had already jumped into the river to assist a man who had apparently been trying to take his own life.

MacLean said he and a couple of staff from the hotel helped to pull the man onto the wharf. The person who had jumped in to save the man was able to climb out.

"He's the guy who saved him," MacLean added.

Though he heard the man was trying to kill himself, MacLean said the man appeared grateful for being saved.

"When I finally get back to Don, he said, 'Well that's just great, I was telling a great story about Dave Bolland and you go running off.'"

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Campbell says he won't avoid HST on bbq trail

LEGISLATURE B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell says he's leaving the legislature for the summer barbecue trail where he expects the controversial harmonized sales tax to dominate the political menu.

Campbell says he has no plans to avoid the HST this summer despite the uproar over the tax that has seen a drop in his personal popularity and that of his three-term Liberal government.

Campbell is also refusing to comment on speculation he is planning to retire from politics after NDP Leader Carole James' prediction that he won't be around to fight the 2013 election.

Campbell says he believes the HST is one of the most important initiatives of the 21st century in B.C. and he's convinced it will create thousands of new jobs.

Hundreds of thousands of British Columbians have joined a grassroots campaign led by former premier Bill Vander Zalm to sign a petition that seeks to repeal the HST law.

B.C. politicians are leaving the legislature after a four-month session that saw the introduction of a $1.7-billion deficit budget, the law leading to the HST and a new Clean Energy Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Unicyclist entering B.C. Bike Race

Unicyclist Kris Holm, left, is taking part in this year's B.C. Bike Race, a multi-day staged single-track race through the mountains of coastal B.C. Holm is considered the best-known and experienced mountain unicyclist in history.

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News in brief

ROBBERY Police in Delta are on the hunt for a man who let himself into a woman's car while she was inside with her child and robbed the victim at knifepoint. When the woman gave him cash, the suspect demanded more money and forced her to go to a nearby bank.

SKIMMING A 15-year-old boy has been arrested in Richmond for allegedly skimming credit card data from unsuspecting victims over a six-month crime spree. The teen is accused of selling the stolen information to gangs.

FALL A seven-year-old Maple Ridge boy was rushed to Children's Hospital by air ambulance on Thursday after falling from a second-storey window, CBC News Online reports. His condition was unknown by press time.

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The proposed Marine Gateway project at the south end of Cambie Street in Vancouver features more than 580 market condo and rental units.

Panel won't back Marine Dr. project

Scale of huge development splits members

A massive housing, commercial and office development proposed for industrial land at the south end of Cambie Street has been narrowly rebuffed by Vancouver's urban design panel.

In a 5-4 vote Wednesday night, the advisory panel voted not to support Marine Gateway, the largest proposed development outside the downtown in the city's history.

Some panel members felt it was just too much "mass" for the site, while others felt the development was an opportunity to "put an exclamation point at the end of the Canada Line," said Brent Toderian, Vancouver's director of planning.

Marine Gateway features an office building and a 30-storey residential tower above the Marine Drive Canada Line station.

The urban design panel, made up of volunteer professionals, does not decide whether an application is approved, but city planners give its advice weight.

Developers usually opt to make changes and then resubmit the proposal for the panel's approval, Toderian said "Most applicants would prefer not to go to council without the pre-support of the panel," he said.

The project's developer, PCI Group, could not be reached on Thursday for comment.

Toderian said the common concern raised by the panel was the orientation of the "high street," a proposed pedestrian plaza between the project's two towers.

There were, however, conflicting ideas on the scale of the project.

"Even though we want good mix-use and density for transit-oriented development, the provocative question is: 'How do we know when big is too big?'"

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Open house

- On Tuesday, PCI Group is holding an open house on its proposed Marine Gateway development. The open house runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at 8515 Cambie St.

Coast Mountain Bus drivers halting engine idling

INITIATIVE City bus drivers in the Lower Mainland will no longer idle their engines at bus loops, Coast Mountain Bus announced Thursday.

The initiative aims to reduce the bus company's environmental impact. It avoids unnecessary emissions and the wasting of fuel. It also decreases engine wear and complies with municipal anti-idling bylaws.

Under the new rules, a bus will be shut down if the driver expects to be idle for more than three minutes.

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Beijing court to hear case of slain student

CRIME It's been eight long years, but the family of a Chinese student who was murdered near Vancouver may finally get some justice.

The body of Amanda Zhao, 21, was found stuffed in a suitcase in Stave Lake, B.C., in October 2002.

Her boyfriend, Ang Li, fled to China before the RCMP laid charges against him for her death.

New Democrat MLA Jenny Kwan, who has remained in touch with Zhao's family in China, said Thursday that the matter has now been referred to a court in Beijing.

No date has been set but the hearings will be open to the public.

"That is important, of course, as the issue of a fair trial surfaces from time to time," she said. "And given that it's subject to public scrutiny, I think that also gives us assurances that hopefully, the case will proceed and fair practice will be followed."

Li's cousin, Han Zhang, has also arrested and accused of being an accomplice.

Zhao was an only child whose family went into debt to finance her education in Canada, Kwan said.

"With her murder, all of their hopes and dreams were destroyed."

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RCMP efforts

- Mounties have twice travelled to China to deal with officials there about the case.

Regional icons feature heavily in updated logo for Grey Cup

CFL B.C. Place's new retractable roof is front and centre as part of the 2011 Grey Cup logo unveiled Thursday in Surrey.

The logo is an updated version of the one used in 2005, the last time the B.C. Lions hosted the championship game. It is cast in the Lions' orange, black and grey and also features snowcapped mountains and whitecaps.

Moray Keith, chair of the 2011 Grey Cup organizing committee, said it was important to highlight the revamped B.C. Place in the logo.

"We are thrilled at the prospect of being the first major event planned for what will be Canada's premier sporting venue," Keith said Thursday in a release.

Keith, alongside B.C. Lions president and CEO Dennis Skulsky and Grey Cup general manager Scott Ackles, also unveiled the 27-member organizing committee. Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and former mayor Senator Larry Campbell are among the organizers.

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Golf charity aimed at youth gets swinging

A charity that aims to promote character development and values in children through the game of golf will tee off in Vancouver on Friday. The First Tee, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, was made possible through a partnership with the YMCA. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vancouver gets 'modern'

Exhibit's art depicts social tumult in 19th-century France

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There's a little bit of Paris in Vancouver right now with the launch of the Art Gallery's newest exhibit, which features drawings by seminal French modernists such as Degas, Renoir and Toulouse-Lautrec.

The Modern Woman, which opens on Saturday, borrows around 100 fragile works — many of which are never on display because of light sensitivity — from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris.

"The pieces ... provide a stunning overview of late 19th-century French art and the fascinating social evolution of the (time)," said Kathleen Bartels, director of the gallery.

"It also reflects the daily life and increasing independence of the French woman."

The exhibit is divided into four sections — the nude, the private realm, the public realm and beyond the city — each of which looks at the daily lives and roles of women in a period of dramatic social change. The drawings depict private moments at home to public life in cafes.

"What came together when selecting these drawings ... was how intimately and vividly the artists captured the complexity of the Belle Epoque and the women who inhabited it," said Thomas Padon, director of international partnership at the gallery.

"(This period) ushered in an innovative spirit in the arts, that of modernity," he added. "It moves away from the long-established convention toward avant-garde art."

Isabelle Julia, with the Musée d'Orsay, said it may seem odd to refer to the 140-year-old pieces as "modern," but at the time they were innovative and provocative.

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Visitors to the Vancouver Art Gallery on Thursday get a sneak peak of the gallery's newest exhibit, Modern Woman.

Raid detainees were 'brutalized': Canadian activist

GAZA A Victoria activist who was taken into Israeli custody in a raid on a flotilla of ships off the Gaza coast says even though he was "brutalized" by his captors, the harshest treatment was reserved for Turkish nationals.

Kevin Neish, 53, was one of three Canadians detained in Israel after a violent confrontation at sea early Monday left nine activists dead.

Neish contacted friend Zoe Blunt shortly after being released and flown to Istanbul late Wednesday.

Blunt said on Thursday that Neish described seeing soldiers gun down civilians from helicopters as the raid began.

Neish

"He has witnessed some real horrific things," she said.

"He was stepping over dead bodies in the hallways and saw people who were shot by the Israelis."

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Zoe Blunt, friend of Kevin Neish

Blunt said Neish suffered deep bruises on his arms after being bound for up to 25 hours by plastic handcuffs and was repeatedly threatened with death by soldiers with assault rifles.

"Kevin said that they were treating him maybe more gently than they were treating people of other nationalities because he was North American," Blunt said.

"The harshest treatment was being dealt out to the Turkish people on board."

Blunt said it's still not clear when Neish will return to Canada.

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Shooting in Coquitlam was targeted attack, police say

GANGS A man in his 20s was shot to death outside a busy Superstore in Coquitlam in what police say appears to have been a targeted gang attack.

The victim, who is known to police, was hit while sitting in his Mercedes in the store's parking lot at around 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Shoppers were told to stay inside and keep away from the windows while police investigated the shooting.

The victim's identity has not been released and no suspects have been apprehended.

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Two dead in apparent murder-suicide

CLOVERDALE A woman in her early 20s was shot to death on a Cloverdale street early Thursday morning in what appears to have been a murder-suicide.

Police were called to the area just after midnight after residents reported hearing shots fired. The victim was found lying on the road.

"Officers ... immediately started to perform CPR," said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr.

"After several minutes of continued life saving attempts the female victim was determined to be deceased."

The male suspect was found in his car a short time later but killed himself before police could approach him.

"Early information indicates that prior to Surrey RCMP members being able to ... make contact, the male took his own life with a firearm while still inside the vehicle," said Const. Peter Neily.

Police haven't released the identity of either person.

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Teen arrested in fatal stabbing

PEACHLAND A 16-year-old girl has been stabbed to death in the Okanagan community of Peachland and a second teen is under arrest for the slaying.

RCMP say the victim was found at about 9:30 Wednesday night in downtown Peachland, 29 kilometres southwest of Kelowna.

She was rushed to hospital but could not be saved.

The suspect, a 16-year-old West Kelowna girl, was picked up at her home.

She remains in custody and investigators say the two teens knew each other and the public is not at risk.

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News in brief

THEFT RCMP in White Rock are looking for a suspect who broke into a Native art gallery and made off with tens of thousand of dollars worth of unique engraved jewelry. The thief kicked in the front glass door of the Neo Concept Gallery and made off with gold and silver pieces.

FIRES RCMP are investigating a string of suspicious fires in Nanaimo. Two homes that were under construction were gutted in a fire early Thursday morning. Another fire that was set at an elementary school caused roughly $50,000 in damage. No one was injured.

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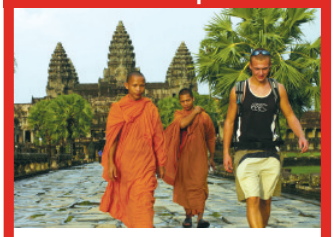

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CBC hockey tournament hits Burnaby

B.C.'s largest four-on-four street hockey tournament hits Burnaby this weekend. CBC's annual PlayOn! 4on4 will be held at Metropolis at Metrotown. More than 2,000 participants and 350 teams will take part. METRO VANCOUVER

Celebration marks 20 years

FIREWORKS Vancouver's most popular summer event will return to light up the skies over English Bay for the 20th year this July, organizers said on Thursday.

After being in danger of cancellation due to a lack of sponsorship, dates for this year's Celebration of Light fireworks show were announced as July 21, 24, 28 and 31.

As usual, delegations from four countries will compete, but the participants have not been named yet.

"The Celebration of Light ... helps build on Vancouver's world-class reputation from the 2010 Olympic and Paralymic Winter Games," said Kevin Krueger, B.C.'s minister of tourism, culture and arts.

He added that the shows draw tourists and locals alike.

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Italians bring the party

Day-long cultural bash features fun, food, flags and Ferraris

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Carmen D'Onofrio was eight when Italian Day was last celebrated on Commercial Drive. Nearly three decades later it remains an indelible moment of his childhood.

"People were everywhere," said D'Onofrio, president of the Commercial Drive Business Society.

"Flags were waving. Horns sounding. People were in just such a good mood. It was a beautiful day."

The fact the festival was held the same day that Italy captured its third World Cup probably didn't hurt the mood either.

"People were eating and celebrating. I remember all these colours and the smell of pizza and barbecue sausages. It was fabulous."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Italian supporters gather on Commercial Drive to celebrate the country's World Cup win in July 2006. Expect the Azzurri to return in "forza" this Sunday for Italian Day.

Italian Day had grown so big, D'Onofrio said, that none of the individual merchants who organized it could afford the insurance.

A partnership between the Commercial Drive Business Society and the Italian Cultural Centre led to its return Sunday after a 28-year hiatus.

Its revival has been in the works for the past five or six years and has been encouraged by the success by other neighbourhood events, like the Punjabi Market and the Greek Day celebrations on West Broadway.

What and where

- Italian Day will run between Venables Street and the Grandview Cut and will feature bands, food and even Ferraris. There will be grape stomping and a spaghetti-eating contest.

Benefit drag show suitable for royalty

FUNDRAISER A glittering Vegas-style drag show featuring 20 of Vancouver's top female impersonators invades Richmond later this month.

The annual Fit For A Queen runs June 19 at the River Rock Theatre.

"It's just a jolly good time," said Joan-E, who hosts the annual event and has been involved since its inception almost a decade ago. "The audience tends to laugh a lot."

Joan-E, who was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal for fundraising efforts, said the event is good for people who want to see drag, but don't want to see it in a nightclub. Proceeds from the benefit go to the Shooting Stars Foundation.

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Joan-E hosts the annual drag show Fit For A Queen.

Online

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New mindset, better safety: Seaplane CEO

FLYING The decades-old "bush-pilot" attitude needs to change in order to improve safety in the float plane industry, says the head of the world's largest seaplane operation.

Greg McDougall, CEO of Richmond-based Harbour Air Seaplanes, said Thursday that when he started in the industry three decades ago, the attitude was different.

"The definition of a good pilot in the 'bush-pilot' industry was somebody that would get you there when nobody else would," McDougall said to reporters.

"And you can imagine the implications of that."

The seaplane operator arranged the news conference in the wake of two high-profile float plane accidents that have claimed 10 lives in the past six months in British Columbia.

The crashes prompted federal Transport Minister John Baird to announce a federal review earlier this week. Among the suggestions for rule changes, some believe passengers should wear life jackets in flight.

But McDougall said life jackets would pose an even greater risk to passengers if they had to wear them in the cabin of the plane. His company discourages the practice.

"The chance for a passenger to inflate the lifejacket inside the aircraft and thereby blocking exits and endangering their lives and others," McDougall said. "At this point we're not convinced that that risk outweighs the risk of not having them."

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Harbour Air

- Harbour Air is the world's largest seaplane operation, moving about 400,000 passengers a year and employing 70 pilots.

News in brief

CHILD PORN A 22-year-old man has been arrested in Port Alberni for allegedly distributing child pornography, RCMP say. Jason Richard Zoet was already facing previous charges of possessing and accessing child pornography in Saanich.

COURTS The first responders at the scene of a car crash that killed a four-year-old Delta girl testified yesterday in the trial of the woman accused of drunk driving causing death. Const. Sarah Swallow administered Carole Berner's breathalyzer test, and said the woman blew .10, above the legal limit of .08.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS B.C. is increasing by 25 the number of wildland fire investigators, the province announced. It will also be increasing the number of campfire patrols.

VETERINARIANS Legislation creating a College of Veterinarians of B.C. has passed royal assent, the provincial government announced Thursday. The modernized Veterinarians Act brings the veterinarian profession into line with other self-regulating colleges.

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Environmentalists decry opening of Willow Creek Mine

Environmentalists say a B.C. coal mine that opens Friday with the blessing of the government in Victoria tarnishes the province's green image. They say the Willow Creek Mine in the Peace River region is about job creation, not fighting climate change, which is made worse by burning coal. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

RAIL DEATH A shortcut over some train tracks in Invermere, B.C., has cost a well-known local doctor his life. The 56-year-old man appeared to be climbing between two cars of a stopped train when it began to move and he was dragged to his death.

CHARGES A 25-year-old Surrey man has been charged following a fatal crash in 2009 that killed three pedestrians in Grand Forks. RCMP initially blamed driver fatigue for the incident when a pickup truck hit three people from behind near a rest area.

ARREST A Vancouver man has been arrested and faces 21 new charges for allegedly posing as a police investigator and trying to derail an RCMP investigation against him. The 30-year-old, also accused of credit card fraud, was originally arrested in relation to a boat chase involving two police forces and a police helicopter.

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Victim's supporters 'outraged'

Not guilty verdict leads to rally Sunday at site of teen's murder

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Friends and family of Matthew Martins are holding a rally at Surrey Central SkyTrain Station on Sunday to express outrage that a woman accused of killing the Vancouver teenager was found not guilty.

Melanie Terrett, who is organizing the event, said people need a chance to voice their frustrations.

"We all feel outraged and helpless," she said. "You walked away from (Monday's verdict), going what do we do now? We don't have a chance to appeal. We can't go and have any say in the matter."

Matthew Martins was beaten to death by Robert Forslund outside Surrey Central SkyTrain five years ago.

Forslund's girlfriend, Katherine Quinn, was accused of encouraging the killing and found guilty of second-degree murder in her first trial.

She appealed the verdict and was found not guilty in her second trial.

Justice Wendy Baker found that when Quinn instigated an unprovoked fight with Martins, it created a chain of events that led to his death. Baker added that Quinn could have stopped the beating, which she watched from a car.

But the judge said the testimony of three witnesses was ultimately not strong enough to convict.

"To absolve this woman of any and all wrongdoing in the violent murder … is an abomination," Terrett said. "She was responsible. Why can't she be held accountable?"

Martins' mother, Sandra Martins-Toner, said she has received hundreds of e-mails and phone calls from "outraged citizens" since Baker rendered her verdict on May 31.

"We cannot change the verdict," she said. "But we can continue to fight for reform so that this does not continue to happen to other families."

Wind of change blows into Vancouver

MOBILE PHONES Contract-free service is the main draw of B.C.'s first new mobile phone provider in over a decade, said two Surrey residents who made the trip to Yaletown for Thursday's launch of the Wind Network in Vancouver.

"Spotty coverage (in Surrey) would still be better than contracts," said Herman Dhillon.

His friend Nigel Joseph said his current carrier charged him $400 in $20 increments as a cancellation fee, and then sent a collection agency to recoup the funds. He's switching in hopes of avoiding a similar situation in the future.

The Vancouver region is now Wind's sixth "home zone," after greater Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa. Wind executives say they hope clients will be attracted to the company's non-contract approach, emphasis on customer service and fewer fees.

However, the wireless communications provider still faces limitations. Some comments to the company's website over the last six months, have expressed some dissatisfaction with the network's coverage.

"We're still in the early stages; we're a high-growth company, and we have some starting issues (that we're working to address)," said Anthony Lacavera, chairman of Wind and its parent Globalive Network.

He added that Wind plans to expand its coverage across Canada to new markets and rural areas in 2010.

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Nathan Bolton, second from left, is the first customer through the doors during Thursday's launch of Wind Mobile in Vancouver.

Medicinal pot grower over limit, say police

MAPLE RIDGE A 41-year-old man with a licence to grow medicinal marijuana has been arrested in Maple Ridge for allegedly growing more plants than he was legally entitled to grow.

RCMP seized 1,744 pot plants at a home in the 12200 block of Skillen Street after a four-month-long investigation, said Insp. Darren Lench.

A spokesperson for the RCMP said the suspect was only entitled to grown roughly 140 plants.

"To my knowledge, this is the first case that involves a place where someone has a licence to grow marijuana legally, where police have seized marijuana," said Lench.

It's unclear why the suspect was growing so many pot plants, which were in "various stages of development."

Jacob Hunter, policy director of Beyond Prohibition Foundation, called the raid and arrest a "waste of police resources."

"Odds are he's growing a fair amount over the limit, but the question is were the (plants) in production?" he said.

Hunter said pot plants go through three stages of growth and only flower — or become productive — in the last stage.

"It's a sad day … busting someone for a few more plants and sending the people they provide for to the street," he said.

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A cache of weapons seized by RCMP in Kamloops.

RCMP seize rocket launcher, weapons, drugs in Kamloops raid

INVESTIGATION Police have seized, during a raid, what they call an "unusually large" amount of weapons and heavy-duty equipment — including an anti-tank rocket launcher along with as much as 40,000 rounds of ammunition, said Const. Cheryl Bush. They also found a skid steer, backhoe, dune buggy, snowmobile and several vehicles, all of which were stolen.

"The drug seizure property in rural Kamloops.

RCMP officers took seven rifles, two shotguns, 11 handguns and a Canadian Army anti-tank rocket launcher amounted to … (seven kg) of marijuana … and smaller amounts of cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine," Bush said. A 38-year-old man has been arrested.

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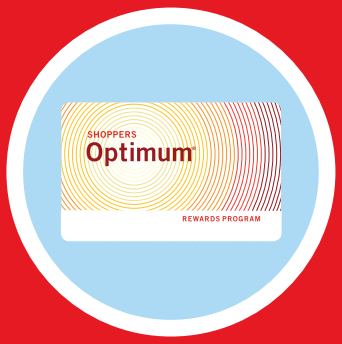

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Roaming black bear puts kids in danger
Police in Yellowknife have been forced to shoot and kill a black bear that had been roaming through a residential neighbourhood as children walked to school. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Help the world, China told

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, left, is urging China to play a pivotal role in keeping the global economic recovery going. In a speech Thursday in Beijing, Flaherty said the fast-growing Chinese economy helped prop up trade around the world during the 2008-09 recession.
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Harper ridicules 'losers'

Coalition tried to break Canada: PM

"Losers" don't form governments.

That's how a stern Prime Minister Stephen Harper dismissed thoughts of a coalition governing Canada as it now does in Britain.

"Winners are the ones who form government," said Harper, standing in a sun-drenched garden at 10 Downing Street where he visited newly-minted British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Harper is still smarting from the failed attempt by the Liberals and New Democrats with support by the Bloc Québécois to form a coalition in 2008 to topple Harper's minority Conservative government.

At the time, Harper suggested the move was treasonous and only escaped by asking the Governor General to let him prorogue Parliament.

Cameron, who is the British Tory leader, was asked to from a government by the Queen when he formed a coalition with Liberal Democrats led by Nick Clegg, who is now deputy prime minister.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper shields his eyes as he boards a plane near London on Thursday.

"Winners are the ones who form government"
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

London was the first of Harper's two European whistlestops to Britain and France to defend his position that the G-20 summit should not consider a bank tax.

He was asked if he still felt so strongly against coalitions now that the mother of all Parliaments has one.

"The coalition in Britain was formed by the party that won the election ... and this coalition in Britain, I would note, doesn't contain a party dedicated to the breakup of the country." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family fumes as bus attack man gets a taste of freedom

CRIME Less than two years after he stabbed and beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus, Vince Li may get his first small taste of freedom.

The Criminal Code Review Board of Manitoba approved a plan Thursday to let Li walk around the unfenced grounds of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre as long as he is escorted by two staff.

The decision was a blow to the family of Tim McLean, the young carnival worker killed by Li.

"When you do what he did, you should be locked up for the rest of your natural life, period," his mother, Carol DeDelley, said from her home in Elie, Man.

"My son's human rights were violated in the most horrific manner, and that's completely disregarded and forgotten, and they're all concerned about Mr. Li's human rights."

Li has been held inside a locked portion of the centre since he was found not criminally responsible,

The two men had never met and just happened to be sitting next to each other briefly on a bus ride to Winnipeg from Edmonton.

Suddenly, Li started stabbing McLean. He carved up the body and scattered it around the bus.
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Vince Li beheaded a man on a Greyhound bus.

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Big shipyards get set to sail into a building battle

SHIPS Canada's five big shipyards will slug it out over the next two years to become the preferred builders of a new fleet of combat and civilian ships, federal ministers said Thursday.

Only two yards will construct the estimated 28 big ships the federal government wants to acquire over the next three decades.

The remaining companies will then bid on small vessel contracts, as well as repair and refit jobs.

The plan is the centrepiece of the federal government's shipbuilding strategy, with about $35 billion in navy and coast guard vessel purchases.

To become a preferred "strategic" builder, companies must promise millions of dollars in infrastructure investment as well as job commitments.

"The five shipyards that are going to compete for these two opportunities for long-term contracts with the government of Canada will have to put some skin in the game and show us how they're going to create jobs and invest in the maritime sector," Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose said.

"The competitive process starts today."
Rona Ambrose

"The competitive process begins today."

Critics warned the strategy could pit both coasts against one another and could also be costly for industry as the notoriously cut-throat companies climb over each other for one of the coveted spots.

"You could have the West Coast and East Coast spending millions of dollars fighting each other," said Nova Scotia MP Peter Stoffer, the NDP shipbuilding critic. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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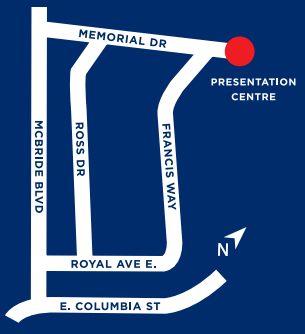

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Five die in fiery head-on collision near Saskatoon

After five people died in what appears to be a fiery head-on collision Thursday, police were still trying to reconstruct the accident and identify the victims. Police said the accident occurred in the early morning hours on the Dalmeny Highway, a commuter road north of Saskatoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory minister uses Twitter to defend new copyright bill

TECHNOLOGY The uproar over digital locks on movies, music and games saw Canada's industry minister take to Twitter on Thursday in defence of his proposed legislation.

While the bill gives people new rights, such as legally copying a CD to a MP3 player, Internet experts point out it also puts the brakes on ripping a CD if it's digitally locked.

The legislation, tabled Wednesday, allows companies to seek damages between $100 and $5,000 from people who break digital locks to copy material like video games, films and music.

The critics fired their concerns at Industry Minister Tony Clement on Twitter and the minister responded, even to some harsh criticism.

"Sold Canadians out to big U.S. lobby. I hope you enjoy seeing millions of Cans (Canadians) fined," read one tweet, which Clement labelled "the bad."

When asked if people can still rip CDs for their iTunes, Clement tweeted: "yup."

"If C-32 is unchanged, manufacturers shd (should) be required to label all media if it contains a digital lock," tweeted another person.

"Really impressed with the way that Tony Clement is using Twitter..."
One tweet

Clement said he was happy to look into it.

Others applauded the minister for his Twitter openness.

"Really impressed with the way that Tony Clement is using Twitter to directly discuss proposed copyright leg (legislation). Human, respectful, real," wrote one.

Earlier in the day Clement took questions from the media.

The minister said the new copyright legislation is neutral on the issue of locks, so it's up to the creators of CDs and DVDs to issue them.

"There's no one size fits all," Clement said.

"If the industry has decided that their business model is such that they need to have the digital lock, they have the right to protect that digital lock from hacking."

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Allen and Margaret Berrington in a 1943 family photo.

Side by side, right until the end ...

Together for almost 70 years, couple dies on remote road

A Calgary couple married almost seven decades stayed side by side until the very end.

Their bodies have been found just metres apart along an isolated bush-country road not far from where their car apparently ran out of gas.

Grandson James Graham said the family is struggling with losing Allen and Margaret Berrington, but can take comfort in the fact the two died as closely as they had lived.

"I have never known them to have words with each other, much less any fights.

"They were as unified as any two people I've ever known," he said after an emotional gathering with dozens of family members on Thursday.

"They were discovered together and we take great comfort in the fact they were together at the end."

Police say the couple's silver Chrysler Sebring was found by two dirt bike riders 100 kilometres northwest of the city.

"I have never known them to have words with each other, much less any fights."
James Graham

The gas tank was empty. The pair, both in their 90s, were found three kilometres south of the car, after apparently trying to walk out of the bush, said RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb.

Police don't suspect foul play. Why the couple ended up in the middle of the bush, however, remains a mystery.

"We've got nothing to say exactly why they were there. That will be part of the investigation," Webb said.

"But at this time we have no reason to believe that they were there for any particular purpose. More likely just confusion or getting lost."

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News in brief

CRIME Police in Quebec say they have recovered lithographs by artist Jean-Paul Riopelle that were posted for sale on the Internet after being stolen several years ago. Four lithographs by Riopelle are still missing. Police say each of the missing lithographs is worth between $3,000 and $5,000,

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Schoolyard screaming? It's just parliament

POLITICS A Commons' committee dissolved into an ugly display of yelling, insults and school yard taunting.

It was all sparked by the Conservatives' decision to muzzle its political aides.

It culminated in a dramatic finger-wagging showdown between a heckling Transport Minister John Baird and Liberal MP Siobhan Coady.

"Listen, bullies in the schoolyard should never be listened to. My mother taught me that," Coady said. She added that such screaming spectacles would never be tolerated in the private sector.

"Don't try to intimidate me, ever!"
MP Siobhan Coady

Then as Baird continued to heckle her across the committee table, Coady gave the transport minister both barrels.

"Are you trying to intimidate me, Mr. Baird, because I'll put myself up against your intimidation factors. Don't try to intimidate me, ever!" Coady said.

It could be a taste of scenes to come as MPs push back against the Tory decision not to let aides testify. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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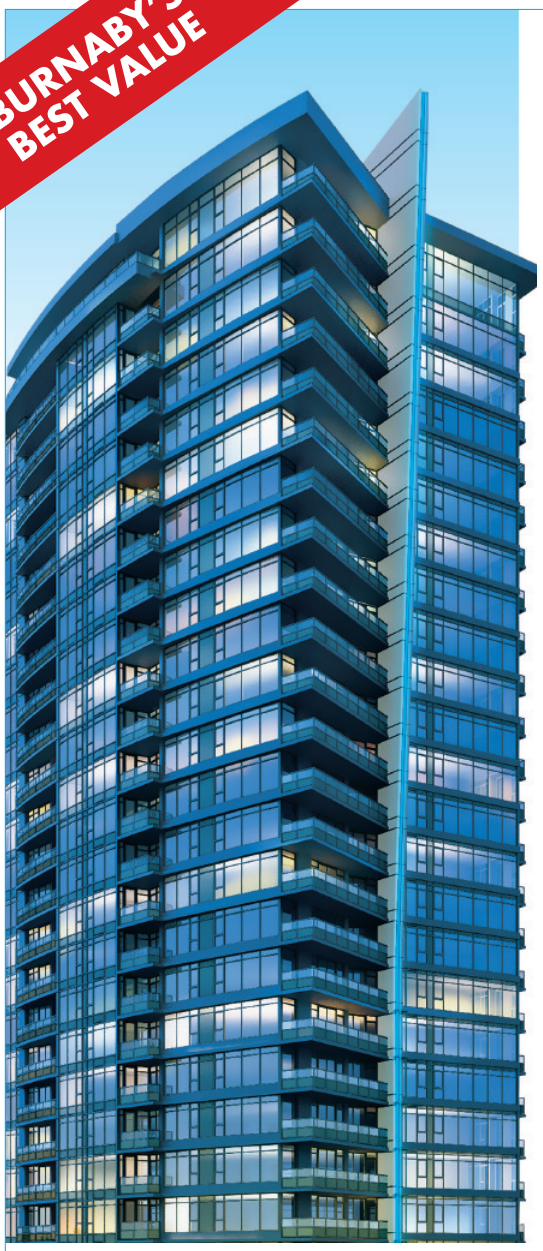

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That's Dr. Hockey to you

The man known as Mr. Hockey has a new title — Dr. Hockey. NHL legend Gordie Howe, 82, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree Thursday from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victims recall horror of priest's sex abuse

Publication ban recently lifted on case

Mike Blum shook uncontrollably in the witness box, the childhood victim of an older man who sat stone-faced half a courtroom away. A man who in his prime was a priest with the Diocese of St. Catharines — and had a penchant for sexually assaulting altar boys.

Until Thursday, when a publication ban on his identity and that of another victim was lifted at their request, Blum, 46, had been one of three nameless former altar boys whom Donald Grecco, 70, molested in the 1970s and '80s.

Blum's shaking — he often has trouble holding a coffee — started after he came forward with his allegations. He cannot work and has tried to kill himself. Reading out his victim impact statement, Blum held up a picture of himself as a teenaged boy.

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Donald Grecco

"I want you to remember and look at that child," he said, looking Grecco in the eye. "The child whose life you destroyed. The child you preyed on and who had a life of hopes and dreams waiting for him to fulfill. The child who had the right to live a life and grow to a man without the pain you inflicted..."

Grecco showed no emotion throughout the sentencing hearing, which included victim impact statements from his two other victims and their close family members. The victims were given copies of a hand-written apology from Grecco, which was not read out in court.

The mother of the victim who wished to remain unidentified told court she complained to the diocese in 1986 about Grecco's behaviour, yet he remained an active priest for nearly two more decades.

Victim James Hennessy, who also asked for the publication ban on his name to be lifted, could not be in court, but Crown attorney Greg Smith read his words. Since coming forward, Hennessy's life has deteriorated. Now 41, he is obsessed by the case, no longer enjoys his young children, and has seen a decline in income from his work in sales. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Death **Tributes to youth leader**

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Shannen Koostachin dances at the Temiskaming Secondary School Pow Wow in Temiskaming, Ont. in 2009. Tributes have been pouring in all week for the 15-year-old aboriginal youth leader, who was killed on Monday in a collision in Temagami. Koostachin won national attention as a Grade 8 student when she helped lead the fight to get Ottawa to build a grade school in Attawapiskat First Nation.

Watchdog sets sights on bureaucrats

INFORMATION Canada's information watchdog is vowing to crack down on foot-dragging bureaucrats in a bid to address the delays plaguing the access to information system.

Federal departments and institutions that demand time extensions in their handling of individual access requests will soon have to tell Suzanne Legault the reason why.

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News in brief

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First female bishop chosen in Finland

Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church has chosen a woman to head the diocese of Helsinki. Irja Askola — who defeated her closest rival in a final round of voting, 591 to 567, on Thursday — will be the country's first female bishop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Blagojevich's trial begins

Jury selection began Thursday in Chicago in the corruption trial of former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, left, who is accused of trying to sell U.S. President Barack Obama's former Senate seat among other charges. Blagojevich, 53, has pleaded not guilty to 24 counts including racketeering, wire fraud, attempted extortion and bribery.

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Palin blames oil spill on environmentalists

The Gulf oil spill is your fault, Sarah Palin tells "extreme environmentalists" on her Facebook site.

"Here's the deal," the former U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate says. "With your nonsensical effort to lock up safer drilling areas ... You're not preventing environmental hazards; you're outsourcing them and making drilling more dangerous."

BP's deep water offshore drilling site in the Gulf of Mexico exploded five weeks ago and has been spewing millions of barrels of crude oil into the waters off the southern U.S. states ever since.

"Radical environmentalists: you are damaging the planet."
Sarah Palin on her Facebook page

"Extreme deep water drilling is not the preferred choice to meet our country's energy needs, but your protests and lawsuits and lies about onshore and shallow water drilling have locked up safer areas. It's catching up with you," Palin tells environmentalists. "The tragic, unprecedented deep water Gulf oil spill proves it."

The Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, with its "drilling footprint like a postage stamp on a football field," and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, with its rich lodes of oil and natural gas, sit untouched because of environmentalists, the former Alaska governor says.

"Radical environmentalists: you are damaging the planet." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BP slapped with $69M bill

OIL SPILL The U.S. government slapped BP with a $69-million bill Thursday to cover initial costs of responding to the largest oil spill in U.S. history. An angry President Barack Obama said he was convinced that BP has not moved quickly enough to stop the flow of oil and clean up the mess. Obama, who on Friday planned to make his second visit in a week to the battered Gulf Coast, used his strongest language to date in assailing BP.

"I am furious at this entire situation because this is an example where somebody didn't think through the consequences of their actions," Obama told CNN's Larry King. "This is imperiling an entire way of life and an entire region for potentially years."

Obama said BP has felt his anger, but added that "venting and yelling at people" won't solve the problem. His remarks aired Thursday night.

Obama had not previously voiced such sweeping criticisms of BP. But he said Thursday he had not seen the kind of "rapid response" from the British company that he'd like.

The $69-million bill being sent to BP is the first of what are likely to be many bills sent to the oil company to cover expenses incurred by the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Latest attempt

- Live video showed that an inverted funnel-like cap slightly wider than a pipe was being manoeuvred into place Thursday night over the oil spewing from the well. However, the gushing oil made it very difficult to tell if the cap was fitting well. A rubber seal on the inside will attempt to keep oil from escaping, though engineers acknowledge some crude will still come out.

Peru Funeral as suspect arrested

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Marielena Ramirez attends the funeral of her daughter Stephany Flores on Thursday in Lima, Peru. The suspect in her murder, Joran van der Sloot, was arrested Thursday in neighbouring Chile. Van der Sloot had long been suspected in the 2005 disappearance of U.S. teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba.

British town left with questions

SHOOTINGS Derrick Bird killed his twin brother and the family lawyer, then travelled the roads he had worked as a taxi driver, shooting people — apparently aiming for their faces — killing 12 in all and wounding nearly a dozen before committing suicide.

Detectives Thursday were trying to answer the elusive question: What drove the 52-year-old cabbie to commit the worst mass shooting in Britain since 1996?

"There are 23 families out there who want to know why these events happened," Detective Chief Superintendent Iain Goulding said. "Our communities want to know why this has happened." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BANGLADESH A devastating fire raced through several apartment complexes in the capital of Dhaka, killing at least 108 people and injuring more than 100 others, officials and local media said. Fire officials said the blaze started when an electric transformer exploded late Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SPACE A millionaire's newest rocket is set to blast off from Cape Canaveral on a test flight. Space Exploration Technologies' Falcon 9 rocket will attempt to carry a mock-up of its Dragon capsule into orbit on Friday. NASA wants to use it to haul cargo to the International Space Station beginning next year, once the shuttles quit flying. Company chief Elon Musk said Thursday that astronauts could follow within three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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London Olympic organizers scrap wind turbine
London 2012 organizers have scrapped plans to build a wind turbine on the Olympic Park site, citing feasibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel rejects calls for international probe

Israel on Thursday rejected calls from the United Nations and others for an international investigation of its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, but left the door open to foreign involvement.

Israel says the commandos used force, killing nine people, only after activists attacked them with knives, crowbars and clubs, as well as two pistols grabbed from raiders. Activists who had set sail for Gaza with tons of aid, hoping to break Israel's three-year-old blockade of Gaza, say Israeli commandos fired first.

Officials have insisted Israel's military already is investigating the raid and the country is capable of conducting a credible review.

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, however, proposed attaching international observers to an internal Israeli probe.

Israel has refused to cooperate with previous international probes, most recently the UN investigation into Israel's 2009 war in the Gaza Strip that concluded that both the Israelis and Hamas militants, who control Gaza, committed war crimes. The international outrage over the deaths on board the flotilla's lead ship, the Mavi Marmara, has sparked a wave of protests across the diplomatic world and condemnations by a sheaf of countries. South Africa became the latest country to recall its ambassador to Israel, although it stressed it has no intention of expelling the Israeli ambassador or cutting diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

The raid has also provoked multiple demands for an international probe, and on Wednesday, UN chief Ban Ki-moon indicated he was headed in that direction.

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Egypt **Paris in Cairo**

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Paris Hilton does her best "walk like an Egyptian" pose in front of the ancient Pyramid of Giza, near Cairo Thursday.

Official warns of terror threat

WINTER OLYMPICS Russia's security chief warned Thursday that terrorists intend to disrupt preparations for the 2014 Sochi Olympics, according to state news agency Itar-Tass. Alexander Bortnikov, head of the Federal Security Service, was quoted as saying the Winter Games face the same kinds of threats that led to the cancellation of the 2008 Paris-Dakar motor rally. "We can clearly hear the intentions of various gang leaders to stage a similar scenario in the run-up to the Winter Olympics in 2014," the news agency quoted him as saying. The Black Sea resort of Sochi is relatively close to Russia's restive North Caucasus region, from where officials say the country's chief terrorist threat emanates.

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University bans Tiananmen memorial

HONG KONG A university has banned students from erecting a statue that honours victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, as tensions simmer over public mourning in the semiautonomous Chinese territory on the 21st anniversary of the bloodshed. The Chinese University of Hong Kong said in a statement Wednesday the school "must maintain its principle of political neutrality."

The head of the university's student union, which made the statue request, accused the administration of being hypocritical, noting the university's president, Lawrence Lau, wasn't neutral because he serves on advisory bodies to both the Hong Kong and central Chinese governments.

China's government has never fully disclosed what happened when the military crushed the weekslong, student-led protests on the night of June 3-4, 1989, possibly killing thousands of students, activists and ordinary citizens. It has long maintained that the protests were a "counterrevolutionary riot."

"A government suppressing unarmed citizens is not a matter of political ideology. It's a matter of right or wrong," student union president Eric Lai said in a phone interview Thursday.

Chinese University's staff union also lashed out at the administration, accusing it of self-censorship and pandering to authority.

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Governor nominated for German president

Germany's government has nominated Christian Wulff, the 50-year-old governor of Lower Saxony as its candidate for the nation's presidency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Afghan delegate talks on the phone after finishing daily duties during the peace jirga at a conference in Kabul Thursday. Hundreds of Afghan leaders held hours of talks on ways to end the insurgency wracking their country, but remained divided over whether to reach out to Taliban leaders and a host of other issues.

Karzai looks sharp at peace conference

After two days of sometimes acrimonious debate, President Hamid Karzai on Thursday looked likely to win a national peace conference's support for his plan to invite the Taliban to negotiations to try to end Afghanistan's years of war.

But delegates differed about exactly what to offer, and to whom, and when. They argued over whether the top leadership should be welcomed to the negotiating table. And some said the three-day jirga, as the conference is known, was too short to achieve a meaningful outcome.

The government says it called together the 1,500 provincial, religious, tribal and other leaders from across the country to advise Karzai on what to try next to end fighting between Taliban insurgents and Afghan forces backed by U.S. and NATO troops.

The president wants to offer rank-and-file insurgents amnesties and other incentives to lay down their arms, and to hold talks with top Taliban leaders if they renounce al-Qaida and vow to uphold the constitution.

Winning the backing of the conference would politically bolster Karzai, increasingly unpopular because of corruption in his government and his fraud-marred re-election last year. But even winning broad support of jirga delegates would only be a tentative first step toward negotiating an end to the nearly nine year conflict in Afghanistan, where violence is at record levels despite a surge in U.S. forces.

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Taliban attacks

- The Taliban have dismissed the jirga as a "phoney reconciliation process" stacked with Karzai's supporters, and suicide bombers launched an attack on the opening session Wednesday, which was thwarted. The Taliban insist there will be no negotiations until all foreign troops leave Afghanistan — a condition that Karzai could not accept.

Closed locks can't stop carp: Feds

GREAT LAKES U.S. Federal officials on Thursday ruled out closing Chicago-area shipping locks on a regular basis, saying it probably would not stop dreaded Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes, but could damage the local economy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said anything short of permanently closing the two locks was unlikely to make a difference in the battle to prevent the voracious fish from gaining a foothold in Lake Michigan. That alternative will be part of a long-range study. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Motherless kids can die, says new study

BANGLADESH For children in Bangladesh, losing a mother — but not a father — can be deadly, a new study says.

Researchers in Bangladesh, Britain and the U.S. used data from population surveys from 1982 to 2005 in Matlab, Bangladesh, to follow what happened to more than 144,800 children. Of those, nearly 15,000 died by age 10.

The experts found that children whose mothers died had about a 24 per cent chance of making it to age 10. Children who didn't lose their mothers had about an 89 per cent chance. The effect was particularly dramatic in infants; those aged two to five months who lost their mothers were 25 times more likely to die than babies whose mothers were still alive.

And for children whose fathers died, there was no effect. The study was published Friday in the British medical journal, Lancet.

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U.S. alleges link between Texan, al-Qaida cleric

The U.S. government alleges in a new terrorism case that Barry Walter Bujol of Texas had been communicating via email with Anwar al-Awlaki, the fugitive al-Qaida cleric whose name surfaced in the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas last November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A few tar balls are no hazard, experts say

Oil has now washed up on the beaches of three Gulf states in the U.S. How dangerous is it?

Not very, experts say.

People should of course stay away from oil on the beach or in the water, but swallowing a little oil-tainted water or getting slimed by a tar ball is not considered grounds for a trip to the emergency room, health officials say.

"Limited contact is not something that needs to be treated by a physician," said Doc Kokol, a spokesman for the Florida Department of Health.

"Avoidance is the best medicine."
Niladri Basu, environmental toxicologist

It's been six weeks since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded, killing 11 workers and pouring an estimated 21 million to 45 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

The spill involves a type of oil called medium sweet crude. It's considered less hazardous than other forms because it contains fewer toxic sulphur compounds and fewer chemicals that enter the air easily, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But oil is considered toxic. Short exposures may cause only fleeting symptoms. But long-term, daily exposure to large amounts could lead to health problems, and potentially raise the risk of cancer, said Niladri Basu, a University of Michigan environmental toxicologist.

"Avoidance is the best medicine," he said.

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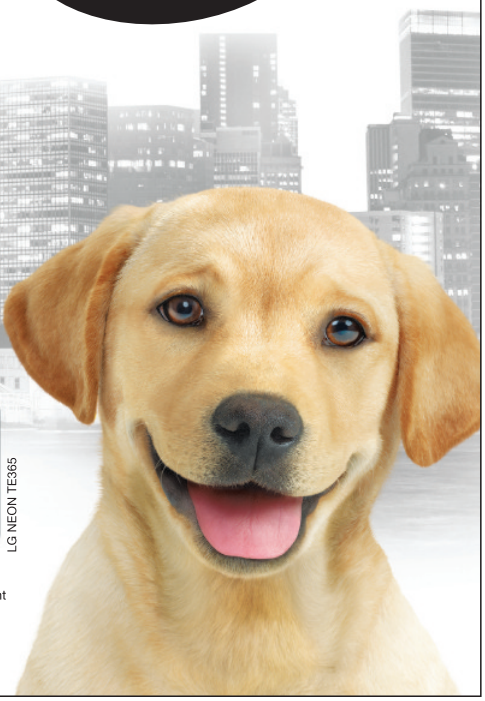

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Woman told by DMV to remove headscarf can retake photo

MISUNDERSTANDING A Muslim woman erroneously told to remove her headscarf for a driver's license photo will be allowed to retake her photo with the head covering on.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations said Thursday that a Department of Motor Vehicle employee in Oceanside, Calif., insisted that the woman remove her headscarf, even though state rules allow for religious head coverings in ID photos. DMV spokeswoman Jan Mendoza said there was a misunderstanding. She said the employee asked the woman to move her scarf, but she removed it instead. She said DMV staff can ask customers to move head coverings so the face is showing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apology

• Mendoza says the employee has since apologized to the woman.

Activist's death in Congo raises questions

AFRICA A leading Congolese human rights activist killed this week had suffered a pattern of intimidation because of his work, a senior UN official said Thursday, as a rights group questioned whether police were already staging a coverup.

The body of Floribert Chebeya Bahizire, head of Voix des Sans Voix, or Voice of the Voiceless, was found in his car Wednesday in a suburb of Congo's capital. The rights group, one of the largest in Congo, said he appeared to have been strangled.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed shock at Chebeya's death, and stressed that the investigation should be "thorough, transparent and independent."

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Comment

A mash-up of authority

UrbanCompass

Paul Sullivan

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Maybe those "Downtown Ambassadors" who patrol the city streets wouldn't seem so creepy if they weren't decked out in ill-fitting red-and-black uniforms.

The net effect is unsettling: A mash-up of high school band uniform, hotel bellhop, and the Hitler Youth.

So I'm not surprised that someone, in this case the Pivot Legal Society, finally complained to the Human Rights Tribunal about this ersatz junior police force that harasses homeless people and snoops around the dark corners of the city looking for violators.

Clearly, it's no coincidence their superiors decided to deck them out in militaristic regalia. It makes them look more important, intimidating. Since they have as much authority as I do — none — they need to at least look as if they're in charge. The overall effect would be a little more impressive if their pants fit.

METRO VANCOUVER FILE PHOTO

A Downton Ambassador is shown recently.

How the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association thought it could get away with turning a bunch of mall cops loose on the city streets is beyond me. What if we all decided to get into a jumped-up band uniform and took to the streets with a whistle, flashlight and clipboard, targeting our pet peeves?

The big mistake of the DVBIA was not fitting their uniforms with epaulets. My uniform would definitely come with epaulets. Then I could go out and look great as I get into the faces of buskers who can't sing or play, people who walk right through you as they check their text messages, and those happy warriors for the Red Cross, Greenpeace, Amnesty and Teddy Bears International, who ask me for a donation every three feet.

Not that I'm a big fan of the bums, winos, and fake homeless people who get in my face every day, 37 times a day. But the solution is not this band of annoying minimum wage slaves with a sense of self-importance almost as big as their hat. Maybe if they really were downtown ambassadors, but most of them know less about the downtown than the people they're harassing. If you're lost, the last person you want to talk to is a Downtown Ambassador. They want to know what you're doing here if you don't know where you're going.

I'm also not a big fan of the Human Rights Tribunal. But the whole thing is kind of fitting. You have a kangaroo court passing judgment on a fake police force ... what's wrong with this picture?

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Views

'Don't forget about the people of Chad'

Mia Farrow

I have been to Chad 13 times. What brings me back — again and again — is the warmth and resilience of the people despite living in one of the world's poorest and conflict torn countries. They always tell me: "Don't forget about us here in Chad," and I always respond, "I won't. I promise."

My most recent trip to Chad was in March with UNICEF, where I visited Mao, a sand-swept town in the Kanem region in the far west of the country. It is the most desolate and powerfully beautiful place I have ever seen. There are no roads here. Homes are constructed of bricks made of sand and dung. The people are herders, farmers and traders.

But the rainfall last year was barely one-third of what it once was and the sands of the Sahel have been moving relentlessly over the parched Kanem region. With drought came the failure of the crops. The food stocks are gone. The camels are dying. But the real horror is that the children of Mao are at risk of dying, too.

Approximately two million people in Chad are in need of food aid — but support is falling short. Last month, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) sounded the alarm, saying that of the $11.8 million requested for agricultural emergency operations in the country, only $2 million has been mobilized. That compares with the $14.5 million FAO has raised for neighbouring Niger, also hit by severe food shortages.

"Donors are afraid of a repetition of the 2005 food crisis in Niger, when many people starved to death," Fatouma Seid, FAO's emergency operations expert, said in a statement. "In comparison, there's less awareness of what's happening in Chad, although the situation there is just as critical."

The government of Chad and the international community must urgently respond to this crisis. The same message I hear from men, women and children who I meet when travelling through this African country, is the same message I urge the world to hear: "Don't forget about the people of Chad."

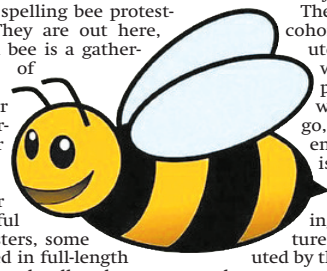
Mia Farrow is a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

Worth mentioning

Protesters abuzz over the English language

The U.S. capital always draws its share of protesters, picketing for causes ranging from health-care reform to immigration policy.

But spelling bee protesters? They are out here, too. A bee is a gathering of people for a particular purpose.



Four peaceful protesters, some dressed in full-length black and yellow bee costumes, represented the American Literacy Council and the London-based Spelling Society and stood outside the Washington Grand Hyatt hotel Thursday, where the Scripps U.S. National Spelling Bee is being held. Their message was short: Simplify the way we spell words.

Roberta Mahoney, 81, a former elementary school principal, said the current language obstructs 40 per cent of the population from learning how to read, write and spell.

"Our alphabet has 425-plus ways of putting words together in illogical ways," Mahoney said.

The protesting cohort distributed pins to willing passersby with its logo, "Enuf is enuf. Enough is too much."

According to literature distributed by the group, it makes more sense for "fruit" to be spelled as "froot," "slow" should be "slo," and "heifer" — a word spelled correctly during the first oral round of the bee Thursday by Texas competitor Ramesh Ghanta — should be "hefer."

Meanwhile, inside the hotel, 273 spellers celebrated the complexity of the language in all its glory, correctly spelling words like zaibatsu, vibrissae and biauriculate.

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Schiavone through to French Open final

Francesca Schiavone will play Samantha Stosur in Saturday's French Open final, the latest surprise in a week full of them at Roland Garros. The 17th-seeded Schiavone became the first Italian woman to reach a major final when opponent Elena Dementieva unexpectedly retired from their semifinal with a left calf injury after losing the first set Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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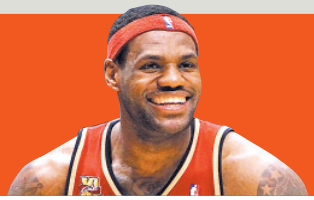

No summit, says Stern

There will be no free agency summit. So says NBA commissioner David Stern, claiming he has been assured at the "highest level" that there will be no sitdown among LeBron James, left, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and the other superstars who could hit the market July 1. And that was the players' choice, he said, not an order from him.

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No plan to calm perfect storm

Baseball official says call that denied pitcher perfection won't be reversed

The imperfect game stands.

An umpire's tears and admission he blew a call failed to move baseball commissioner Bud Selig to award Armando Galarraga the perfect game he pitched. The play and its aftermath quickly became the talk of the sports world and beyond, even to the White House.

Selig said Thursday that Major League Baseball will look at expanded replay and umpiring, but didn't specifically address umpire Jim Joyce's botched call Wednesday night that cost Galarraga the perfect game — 27 batters up, 27 batters down. No hits, no walks, no errors.

A baseball official familiar with the decision confirmed to The Associated Press that the call was not being reversed. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that element was not included in Selig's statement.

Joyce said he erred on what would've been the final out in Detroit, when he called Cleveland's Jason Donald safe at first base. The umpire personally apologized to Galarraga and hugged him after the Tigers' 3-0 win, then took the field at Comerica Park Thursday in tears.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland picked Galarraga to present Detroit's lineup at home plate before Thursday's game to set up the meeting with Joyce. They shook hands, and the umpire gave the pitcher a pat on the shoulder.

"I didn't want this to be my 15 minutes of fame. I would have liked my 15 minutes to be a great call in the World Series. Hopefully, my 15 minutes are over now," Joyce said.

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Home plate umpire Jim Joyce shakes hands with Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga Thursday in Detroit.

Joyce, a longtime ump with a solid reputation, declined comment on MLB's statement after Thursday's game, saying he hadn't read it.

The White House

- First the umpire blew the call. Now, in the view of the White House, so did Major League Baseball.
- Presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs said, "I hope that baseball awards a perfect game to that pitcher."
- Gibbs said he had not talked to President Barack Obama about the matter.

"There's no doubt he feels bad and terrible," Galarraga said after Detroit beat Cleveland 12-6 on Thursday. "I have a lot of respect for the man. It takes a lot to say you're sorry and to say in interviews he made a mistake."

"I'm sad, but I know that I pitched a perfect game. The first 28-out perfect game," he said.

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Kobe pots 30 as Lakers take opener

(L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0)

Celtics 89 Lakers 102

NBA FINALS So the Celtics want to play rough again? Kobe Bryant and the Lakers look ready this time around, and they barged into an early lead in the NBA finals.

Bryant scored 30 points, Pau Gasol had 23 points and 14 rebounds, and defending champion Los Angeles got tough in a 102-89 victory over Boston in the NBA finals opener Thursday night.

Ron Artest scored 15 points after tumbling to the ground in a tangle with Paul Pierce in the opening minute of the 12th finals meeting in the NBA's most scintillating rivalry. Bryant and Gasol then led a gritty physical effort against the Celtics, who memorably pushed around the Lakers while winning their 2008 finals matchup in six games.

"They were the more physical team by far," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They were more aggressive. They attacked us the entire night. I didn't think we handled it very well."

Pierce scored 24 points and Kevin Garnett added 16 after a slow start for the Celtics, who might not want to know Lakers coach Phil Jackson's teams in Los Angeles and Chicago have won 47 straight playoff series after winning Game 1.

If the first 48 minutes of Thursday's rematch are any indication, this series again will be a physical confrontation — and the supposedly finesse-oriented Lakers held their ground early.

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Henderson's jersey more than just a hockey sweater

Canadian Tire Corporation is trying to repatriate one of the most significant artifacts in the history of Canada.

It's a hockey sweater.

Then again, it's not just any sweater. It's the jersey Paul Henderson was wearing when he scored the most famous goal in the annals of the game. It came with 34 seconds left in Moscow and sunk the Soviet Union in the fabled Summit Series of 1972.

We all know the story of the dramatic Canadian comeback and Henderson's heroics, which included three game-winning goals.

That scenario has been etched onto the Canadian consciousness for nearly 40 years.

Now Canadian Tire is trying to buy that sweater at an online auction and its opening bid of $200,000 already makes it the most valuable hockey sweater ever. Canadian Tire wants to release the iconic fabric from the grip of an American, who now owns it, and make it available for all Canadians to see.

Here's the kicker — once the company is done with it, having exhausted its promotional value, it plans to put the garment on long-term loan to a museum, presumably the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Canadian government, through the Ministry of Heritage, has hinted it may aid in the process if it looks like internationals are winning the bidding.

Sounds like a plan.

Ironically, Paul Henderson, the man who wore the sweater and was somehow magically empowered by it, is not a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

He is a member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and is the honorary chair of the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame, where he presided over inductions this week.

Strange because the man he scored that goal against, Vladislav Tretiak, is enshrined in hockey's greatest museum.

So why isn't Henderson?

Critics will argue that he didn't win a Stanley Cup and didn't score enough goals in his career in the National Hockey League.

But it isn't called the "NHL Hall of Fame," it's the "Hockey Hall of Fame" and Henderson's name is synonymous with hockey's most famous act.

He scored the goal, not the sweater.

Surely we no longer believe that clothes make the man.

Maybe it's time to not only bring this famous hockey sweater home, but also to recognize that the player who wore it is the real national treasure.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

Sports in brief

BASKETBALL Former UCLA basketball coach and Hall of Famer John Wooden is reportedly hospitalized in Los Angeles. Los Angeles television station KCAL and the Los Angeles Times are reporting Thursday night that the 99-year-old Wooden is in "grave" condition at UCLA Medical Center.

SOCCER A Cornell University professor with a love for soccer has used math and statistics to predict Brazil will win soccer's World Cup. "Mathematically speaking, right now, Brazil has the best odds," Chris Anderson said. In making his selection, Anderson computed several factors. He looked at the FIFA world rankings, which have Brazil No. 1; the country's history of winning a record five championships; and the effect of the tournament being held in South Africa.

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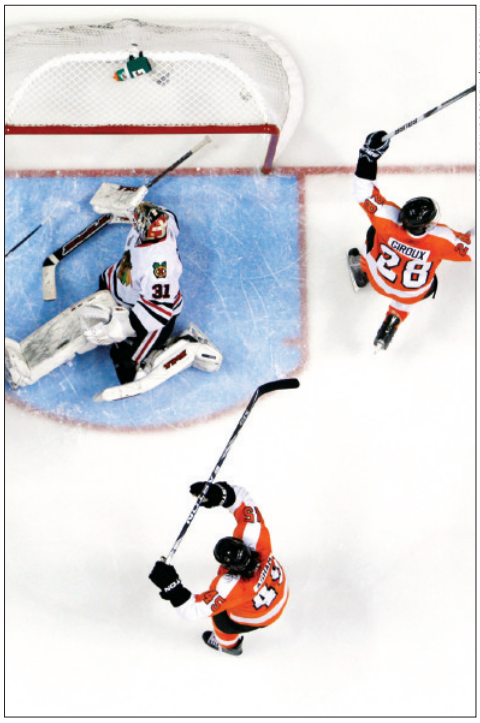
Sinatra out, Jay-Z in for Belmont Stakes

Start spreading the news: Sinatra's out at the Belmont Stakes. The New York Racing Association says Frank Sinatra's classic version of New York, New York is being replaced by Jay-Z's Empire State of Mind as the music heard when the horses step onto the track for the $1 million US Belmont on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Philadelphia Flyer Claude Giroux, top right, celebrates after scoring in overtime on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Unexpected players producing goals in final

STANLEY CUP The big guns for both the Flyers and the Blackhawks have been relatively quiet in the Stanley Cup final, but goals are coming from unexpected sources.

Third-line centre Claude Giroux was the hero with an overtime goal and two assists as the Flyers got their first win of the series in Game 3 on Wednesday.

His goal came after Ville Leino, who was not in the lineup when the playoffs started, tied it in the third period.

While they were shut out in Game 3, Chicago's second unit of Patrick Sharp with Marian Hossa and Troy Brouwer was its most dangerous in the opening two games.

Chicago stars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews finally combined for their first goal of the series in Game 3 and hope that will get them untracked, but it has been tough sledding against the big, physical Philadelphia defence led by Chris Pronger.

"They're so tightly checked, everyone is, but maybe those top guys a little more," Blackhawks forward Kris Versteeg said Thursday. "So it's not surprising.

"Both teams have depth in scoring and you're seeing that in the series."
Kris Versteeg, Hawks forward

"Both teams have depth in scoring and you're seeing that in the series."

Chicago leads the best-of-seven final 2-1 with Game 4 of what has been a tight series set for Friday night at the Wachovia Center.

Philadelphia's first line of Mike Richards, Jeff Carter and Simon Gagne has combined for three points — a Gagne goal with an assist to the other two.

Into that void stepped the second unit of centre Daniel Briere with Leino and rugged winger Scott Hartnell, who between them have six goals and seven assists in the series.

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Dream finally comes true

Sanchez thankful for chance to play for hometown team

If this is Davis Sanchez's final season of professional football, he couldn't think of a better way to go out than as a member of the hometown B.C. Lions.

The veteran cornerback is preparing for his 12th pro season — 10th in the CFL — but first with the Lions.

Growing up in North Delta, B.C., Sanchez always dreamed of playing for B.C., but had pretty much given up on the idea after signing his last contract with the Montreal Alouettes.

That changed in February when an agreement Sanchez had with Montreal management let him out of the option year of his deal and allowed him to sign as a free agent with the Lions. Sanchez, 35, and the other B.C. veterans will report to camp Saturday, with two-a-day workouts scheduled to begin the following day.

"It's something I thought early in my career would eventually happen, that I'd get the opportunity to come home and play here," Sanchez said.

"As the years went on I just figured it wasn't going to happen and the last contract I signed with Montreal my family came to the conclusion that I wasn't going to play here and I'd retire with Montreal.

"But it was surprising. I can't tell you how happy I am."

Sanchez says getting the chance to play for B.C. at this point in his career makes him appreciate the opportunity more than if it happened five, six years ago.

"I see what a great opportunity it is to be here, I appreciate every day now, I appreciate my teammates because I know this could be my final go-around."
Davis Sanchez

"No question," he said. "Everything now that I'm older I appreciate more.

"I think that's one of the reasons why I've been allowed to come home and provided the opportunity to play at home.

"I see what a great opportunity it is to be here, I appreciate every day now, I appreciate my teammates because I know this could be my final go-around. Now I see everything as a teammate, I see things through those eyes versus seeing it just through my eyes which I believe makes me a better teammate and more conducive to the team atmosphere."

Sanchez joins a Lions team that last year finished fourth in the West Division with an 8-10 record, the franchise's first losing mark in head coach-GM Wally Buono's seven-year tenure.

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Nielsen looks to lessen debt load

Nielsen Holdings BV, the television-audience rating company, filed to raise as much as $1.75 billion US in an initial public offering. Nielsen will use the proceeds to help pay down its $8.6 billion in debt, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Agency in hot water over money-for-jobs allegations

FOREIGN WORKERS An employment agency is facing charges for allegedly collecting fees from foreign workers to find them jobs.

The government says Platinum-Care.Com Corporation allegedly charged two foreign workers a total of $5,200 to secure them each jobs, a practice not allowed in Alberta.

The workers say they paid the money in early Oct. 2008, but in Dec. 2008 requested their money back.

Platinum-Care.Com Corporation is charged under the Fair Trading Act.

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Prime digital real estate

Companies paying premium rates for ad space on tablet-specific publications

Good news for the news business: Companies are paying newspapers and magazines up to five times as much to place ads in their iPad applications as what similar advertising costs on regular websites.

This doesn't mean Apple's tablet computer will live up to its hype as a potential lifeline for the media industry. Online ads still generate a small fraction of news companies' advertising revenue, and it's an open question whether print ads will return to what they totalled before the recession.

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After nearly a year of labouring on a tablet computer edition of the magazine, Wired released its application in Apple's digital newsstand on Wednesday.

But early evidence suggests the iPad is at least offering publishers a way to get more money out of advertisers. That bolsters the hope that portable touchscreen computers could start turning the economics of digital advertising in publishers' favour.

Still, a lot will need to go right for publishers before the iPad and imitator tablet computers become a significant source of income.

For one thing, media applications will have to be compelling enough to keep people engaged for longer periods. That's especially true if a publisher wants to charge for a news app, because free articles on the Web are just a few taps away on the iPad's browser. Expect media companies to hold back more material from their free websites and offer it exclusively in tablet apps.

Also, tablet computers will have to get into many more readers' hands — but without becoming so mundane that advertisers are no longer willing to pay a premium for what now is rarefied space.

There are many reasons publishers don't make as much online as in print. While newspapers and magazines offer a limited supply of ad space — the number of pages they publish — space online is virtually limitless. Advertisers that don't want to pay full price can give their money to online ad networks, which get discounted rates on slots publishers can't sell on their own.

In iPad applications such as USA Today's, there is a finite amount of space and no ad networks are in the mix. And the app gives advertisers new possibilities. A reader can click on Courtyard by Marriott's USA Today ad and then with a flick of a finger scroll through images of the hotels' updated lobby design. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain **Mysterious meeting**

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An activist protests yesterday near the meeting place for the conference of the Bilderberg Group meeting in Sitges, Spain. The Bilderberg Group is an unofficial conference of around 130 invitation-only guests who are insiders in politics, banking, business, military and the media. The group's meetings are held in secret and are closed to the public.

Most Canadian radio stations reporting lower revenues: CRTC

BROADCASTING Canada's federal regulator says commercial radio stations generally produced lower revenues and profits in 2009, though French-language FM stations bucked the trend.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission said yesterday that profits tumbled to $272 million from $334.9 million in 2008.

At English FM radio, profits were $234.1 million, a drop from $299.9 million in the previous year.

But French FM radio profits moved higher to $35.4 million from $33.3 million.

Revenues overall fell 5.2 per cent to $1.5 billion in the year ended Aug. 31, 2009.

English-language FM radio revenues were down 5.8 per cent to just under $1 billion, while French-language FM radio reported slightly higher revenues of $227 million.

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Bad news for B.C.? Athens Olympics looms large in Greek economic crisis.

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Maytag issues product recall

RECALL Maytag Corp. is recalling about 1.7 million dishwashers because of a fire hazard, including about 160,000 units in Canada.

Canadian and American officials say the company has received 12 reports of electrical failures that led to fires.

The recall includes Maytag, Amana, Jenn-Air, Admiral, Magic Chef, Performa by Maytag and Crosley brand dishwashers with plastic tubs.

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Laugh-fest with heart

Jonah Hill and Russell Brand dish out some raunchy humour in Get Him to the Greek.

Get Him to the Greek

Director: Nick Stoller
Stars: Russel Brand, Jonah Hill
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

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On the web

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Just as comedy sage Judd Apatow made stars out of unlikely actors Seth Rogen and Jason Segel with respective hits, Get Him to the Greek aims to turn Russell Brand and plumpy Jonah Hill into Hollywood's latest A-listers.

And it may just do it. A spin-off to the 2008 Apatow-produced hit Forgetting Sarah Marshall, this tale about a record executive hopeful named Aaron (Hill) and his lascivious, out-of-control rock 'n' roll charge (Brand, reviving Marshall's Aldous Snow character) anchors gross-out gags by giving the bedlam a heart.

When eager Aaron is given a big corporate opportunity to escort the relapsing rocker to America for a comeback concert at Hollywood's Greek Theatre, the young exec is dragged into Snow's late-night binges, spontaneous side-trips and the type of rabid partying that may recall lost memories from last summer's surprise hit The Hangover.

Like that film, Greek is a juxtapositional experience allowing audiences a peek behind the curtain at, not only the hedonism of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle (especially while in Vegas), but the emptiness that often accompanies it.

Showing some interesting dramatic depth, Brand's Snow remains charming enough even while he slips Aaron a potent medicinal cocktail or badgers him to shove a ball of contraband someplace it really shouldn't go.

As the film wears on, we soon realize there's motive to the mayhem.

Surprisingly however, the real scene-stealer is Sean "P. Diddy" Coombs, who plays the maniacal CEO who sends Aaron on his mission.

Whenever he appears (and it is too infrequent), the proceedings amp up to 11.

Toss in several obscure cameo appearances (Ricky Schroeder) and you may just want to get yourself to the Greek.

Hit Girl Moretz gets Hick-ed

Since her role as Hit Girl in Kick-Ass, Chloe Moretz has become quite the in-demand actress. Having landed one of the leads in Martin Scorsese's The Invention Of Hugo Cabret, Moretz has now signed up for the indie drama Hick. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Splice a triumphant monster mash

Splice

Director: Vincenzo Natali
Stars: Sarah Polley, Adrien Brody
Classification: 18A
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Adrien Brody and Canadian actress Sarah Polley play modern-day Frankensteins in the sci-fi/horror film Splice.

Drawing obvious thematic and stylistic comparisons to the work of Canadian body horror icon David Cronenberg, fellow Canuck Vincenzo (Cube, Cypher) Natali's Splice is a triumph of psychosexual science fiction.

Like the best of Cronenberg (Videodrome, The Brood, Shivers), the film manages to explore high-minded concepts of mad science and technology run amok while grounding them in warm, earthy — some might say uniquely Canadian — humanity.

But despite its highbrow pretentions, Splice is also filled to the beaker with buckets of pulp trash mayhem; genre fans looking to wallow in blood-spattered camp will be more than a bit thrilled.

Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley play lover geneticists who, after becoming scientist rock stars from creating DNA fused life-forms, decide to blend human and animal genes for kicks and curiosity.

The resulting beastie is Dren, a tadpole-by-way of H.R Giger-esque female that becomes their surrogate child and potentially career derailing secret. But as the rapidly aging Dren (played in adult form by French starlet Delphine Cheneac) grows into womanhood, many changes — most of them more lethal than hormonal — take effect and their once treasured 'daughter' becomes a sexually volatile siren from test-tube hell.

While ostensibly a creature feature (Dren's metamorphosis goes from adorable to repellent, just like many a human lifespan), the greatest strength of Splice is its deft fast forwarding of the parenthood experience.

Brody and Polley are excellent, running the arc of proud mom and pop, to concerned guardians, to ultimately losing touch and fearing their offspring.

If the film has a few pacing flaws (there are perhaps one too many extended sequences of Cheneac throwing a fit), Splice is just so blazingly weird, so perverse and compelling that you should forgive it any trespasses.

With any luck, this intelligent, delightfully deranged monster mash will be the one that propels the incredibly talented Natali from cult hero to sci-fi saviour.

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Who let the dog out?

Marmaduke

Director: Tom Dey
Stars: Owen Wilson
Classification: G
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Owen Wilson voices the Great Dane Marmaduke.

Based on the well-worn newspaper comic strip about a mischievous Great Dane, the big-screen version of Marmaduke feels just as played out as the 56-year-old cartoon.

Perhaps its because we've seen the combination of computer effects and live action used to make every animal short of a hagfish appear to talk on film. But more likely, it's because Marmaduke feels so much like another cartoon-turned-family flick: Garfield.

Not surprisingly then that the two films share at least one producer responsible for bringing the characters to cinematic life.

Presumably aimed at toddlers, Marmaduke tells the banal story of the Winslows, a suburban family that relocates to California with their oversized mutt (voiced by Owen Wilson) in order for neglectful (but not really) patriarch Phil to capitalize on a new opportunity.

While Phil begins his new gig for an organic pet food company, Marmaduke discovers that the canine playground he frequents is "like high school for dogs." No kidding.

The big mutt struggles for approval amongst the cliquey pups only to discover that being "top dog" isn't all its cracked up to be.

While the story is elementary at best and the more involved animation routine amongst other contemporary family fare, many younger kiddies will still giggle at seeing Marmaduke surf or hear the mutt's affable voice — even if Wilson's read is as bland as day-old kibble.

However, most depreciating is that Marmaduke is such a forgettable, mass-produced money-grab aimed at capitalizing on the familiar brand of an American-syndicated icon.

The real concern for producers should've been — who even reads Marmaduke in the first place anymore.

• For a trailer of Marmaduke, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Americana too simplistic

Pax Americana and the Weaponiztion of Space

Director: Denis Delestrac
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW A standard advocacy doc with an undeniably intriguing and uncomfortable subject, Pax Americana attempts to lift the veil on the United States' military incursions into outer space — including the famous Star Wars initiative of the 1980s.

Director Denis Delestrac has been described as the Michael Moore of France, and the comparison fits given his fondness for slick, graphics-heavy construction and celebrity talking heads (in this case, Martin Sheen) — and also the unapologetically polemical nature of his filmmaking.

It's not that a film which interrogates the motivations behind the U.S. having as many extant operational satellites as the rest of the world combined isn't welcome, or that Delestrac's interviewees — including a number of defense experts and that old reliable anti-imperialist Noam Chomsky — don't create the requisite sense of urgency.

There is indeed a discussion to be had about how the military-industrial complex swallows up such a high percentage of American tax revenue, or about the ever-shrinking margin for computer error as global systems grow more complex.

But Pax Americana largely skirts these issues in favour of a more simplistic argument: that America's technological dominance is hurtling us all towards global apocalypse.

The flip tone doesn't help, either: cutting between a beatific church sermon and images of missiles poised at the ready may elicit giggles, but it's not sophisticated filmmaking.

Micmacs inspired by animation

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Micmacs, from director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, opens next Friday.

Few filmmakers working today offer audiences a vision as unique, bizarre, and oddly touching as Jean-Pierre Jeunet.

The visually expressive director began his career as a cartoonist before transitioning into movies with works like the cult oddity Delicatessen and the whimsical award-winning Amelie.

The latest movie from the eccentric French filmmaker is Micmacs, a comedy about a band of garbage dump dwelling outsiders that is both an homage to silent film comedy and animation as well as an attack on international arms dealing. That description might make the film sound dark and strange, which it is, but like all of Jeunet's movies it's also quite sweet and hilarious.

Metro caught up with the beloved filmmaker when he brought Micmacs to TIFF 09. The film is the product of a distinctly French sensibility (even starring France's top comedic actor, Dany Boon), but surprisingly, Jeunet admitted that the movie originated out of the frustration he felt working on two failed American projects.

"After A Very Long Engagement I was offered a Harry Potter movie," revealed Jeunet. "But everything was ready. The costumes and cast were already there. All I had to do was to put down the camera and say 'go.' Life is too short for that, so I tried to do Yann Martel's Life Of Pi instead. I spent two years working on it, but after a while it became too expensive. I decided to do another film."

The screenplay was also inspired by a rather surprising source.

"My main reference on this film was Pixar movies," admitted the director. "I love their work and I had the great privilege of taking a master class with them in San Francisco. For example, the heroes in Micmacs are based on the toys from Toy Story. There are seven characters and each has their own special gift that they combine to use together."

The result is one of the best films that Jean-Pierre Jeunet has ever made, combining the gently sentimental comedy of his most recent work with the dark atmosphere of the his early films.

"It wasn't easy to do, especially when we needed something at the beginning that was pretty dark to justify the revenge," said Jeunet.

"But that's how I designed it. It starts very dark and then little by little it becomes a comedy. That was on purpose. It was a kind of challenge I set for myself."

A Friend-ly cameo
Jennifer Aniston will do a cameo in Wes Craven's Scream 4, Star Magazine reports. Aniston says she is doing the role after being asked by former Friends co-star Courtney Cox. IMDB.COM

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Best of sci-fi (no Star Wars please)

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Director Vincenzo Natali doesn't just make sci fi movies, he's also a fan. "True science fiction is about ideas. It's a mirror that reflects on the present," he says.

His latest film, Splice, starring Sarah Polley and Adrien Brody as scientists who create a mutant child — think Frankenstein spliced with Mommie Dearest — has echoes of a recent news story about scientists creating the first self-replicating synthetic life form.

"It's amazing how the science evolved parallel with the script," he says.

So who better to recommend a list of must-see sci-fi flicks? "I could mention 2001, Star Wars and The Matrix, but we've all been there," he says, adding "I think there are some very worthy science fiction films that aren't so well known."

First on his list is Stalker from master director Andrei Tarkovsky.

"It's about a zone in Russia that may have had some kind of alien visitation and is highly classified. There are very special people called stalkers who illegally enter the zone and can take you to a place where your wishes can come true.

"No other movie ever made is quite like it. It is one of the most beautiful films I've ever seen."

Next up is The 10th Victim, a futuristic Marcello Mastroianni movie about a deadly televised game called The Big Hunt which becomes a replacement for all conflict on Earth, but at what cost?

Splice director Vincenzo Natali says Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) is not as well known as it deserves to be.

"An Italian film made in the '60s but way ahead of its time," he says.

"It's a satirical comedy, absolutely brilliantly made, filled with cool futuristic Italian design and it's really funny. I cannot recommend it enough."

Third is the animated La Planète Sauvage. "It takes place on a planet where humans are pets for a race of large aliens. It's a kind of a Spartacus story against the aliens. Totally outrageous and very, very '70s."

In the fourth spot is Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, the Jim Carrey movie Natali says is "not as well known as it deserves to be."

"Definitely a film about ideas and definitely also a science fiction film. A very emotional film; a masterpiece."

Lastly, it's a double bill from Japanese director Kinji Fukasaku.

Battle Royale, Natali says, is "outrageously violent" while The Green Slime is "total cheese but actually predates Alien as a story of a spaceship that is infected by an alien life form. It's lots of fun."

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Mao's Last Dancer (G) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
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Marmaduke (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Get Him To The Greek (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-4:10-7:40-10:35
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-6:50-10
Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:20-7:30-10:20
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:15-7:45-10:15-10:45
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:20-6:45
Sex and the City 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12-3:30-7:10:25 No Passes Wed 12-3:30-10:25 No Passes Thu 12-3:30-7:10:25 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:25-10:40
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7:05-9:40
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:15-10:10

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
Date Night (PG) Fri 4:40-7:35-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:40-7:35-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:40-7:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:45 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:45 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 4-7:10 Sat 1-4-7:10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri 4:25-7:15-10:10 Sat 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:10 Sun 1:35-4:25-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15
MacGruber (14A) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20

NEW WEST/

COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Babies (G) Fri-Tue 1-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:20 Wed 3:10-5:15-7:20-9:20 Thu 1-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:55-10:15
Get Him To The Greek (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-3:20-7:30-10:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:20-4:50-7:25-10
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:40-3:15-3:45-6:20-7:15-9:30-10:20
Killers (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-4:05-7:40-10:30 Wed 4:05-7:40-10:30 Thu 12:20-4:05-7:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:9:55
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:05-9:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-12:45-3:25-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:45-10:25
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 11:35-12:30-3-3:40-6:30-7-9:50-10:20
Sex and the City 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-1:15-3:30-4:45-7:10-8:15-10:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:55-6:45-10:10
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:45-9:15
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-12:15-2-2:45-4:35-5:15-7:15-7:45-9:40-10:15
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:50-10:40

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 5
Date Night (PG) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 3-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Sat-Sun 12:45
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 2:45-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:45-6:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:45
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri 6:45-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-6:45-8:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-8:45
MacGruber (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Get Him To The Greek (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:4:10-7:40-10:25
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:15
Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:30
Kites (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-1:15-3:20-4:30-6:50-8-9:55
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40 No Passes Wed 4:50-7:20-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-4:7:10-10:10
Raajneeti (STC) Fri-Thu 12:15-4:15-8:15
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:40-9:50
Sex and the City 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-3:30-7:10:20 No Passes Wed 4:05-7:10-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:30-7:10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:50-10:30

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Get Him To The Greek (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:30-10:15
Iron Man 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:50
Killers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:9:45
Marmaduke (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:45-9:15
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40
Raajneeti (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 12:45-4:15-8
Robin Hood (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-6:35-9:55
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-1:40-4:30-6:30-7:45-10
Shrek Forever After (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7:15-9:40
Splice (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:05

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri 7:10-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25
Sex and the City 2 (14A) No Passes Fri 7-9:40 No Passes Sat 2-7-9:40 No Passes Sun 2-7:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

Get Him To The Greek (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-7:30-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-9:40
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-7:20-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:35
Shrek Forever After (G) No Passes Fri 7-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:10-7-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:40
Get Him To The Greek (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:40-10:35
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-7:10-9:45
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:12:35-3:10-3:55-6:55-7:40-9:55-10:40
Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-7:20-10:25
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-9:50
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:25-9:55
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:45-10:45 No Passes Fri-Tue 12:15-3:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Wed 12:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:15-3:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Wed 3
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Sex and the City 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:05-12:30-1-3:30-4-5:35-7-7:30-9-10:30-10:45 No Passes Wed 12:05-12:30-1-4-5:35-7-7:30-9-10:30-10:45 No Passes Thu 12:05-12:30-1-3:30-4-5:35-7-7:30-9-10:30-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:30-2:30-3-5:05-5:30-7:35-8-10-10:20
Shrek Forever After: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:45-9
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:20-7:05-10:05

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Repo Man (STC) Fri-Sat 2
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 11:30

Groups upset over cartoon about Jesus Christ

A group of religious and conservative leaders says it will urge Comedy Central's advertisers not to support a proposed new cartoon entitled JC that puts Jesus Christ in a modern-day context. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

ROBYN VAN SWANK

Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari might not be the biggest name to host the MTV Movie Awards but his background in stand-up and sketch comedy has prepared him well for the task.

Ansari set to shine at MTV Movie Awards

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

The big question about this year's MTV Movie Awards isn't who is nominated but who is Aziz Ansari and why is he hosting the show?

"I am a comedian. I'm an actor. And I can also get you a good deal on a brand new KIA," explains Ansari, who is probably best known as the always-scheming Tom Haverford on TV's Parks and Recreation.

"I think they (MTV producers) were under the impress I was a Jonas Brother."

Maybe so. Though it may also have been Ansari's stand-up comedy, his work on the MTV sketch series Human Giant, and small roles in recent features like Funny People and Observe and Report that got him the gig.

Truth is, the show's raucous, anything-goes, live atmosphere is a perfect stage for a comic used to surviving on his feet.

"I'm excited to do the show. It's really a great honor," says Ansari. "When you look at the previous hosts (which include Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy and Sarah Silverman). I mean, it's real good company to be in."

Though he has yet to begin writing material, Ansari says that because the awards are all about movies (top nominees include Avatar, The Hangover and The Twilight Saga: New Moon), it can write itself.

The MTV Movie Awards air live Sunday night

"You can't ask for anything more than a movie show. It's ridiculous fodder to react to," he says.

"To prepare myself, I'm trying to get one with the audience. I've pasted a picture of (Twilight's) Robert Pattison on my ceiling and just stare at it."

Ansari says the best bits in previous years tended to be "moments we couldn't possibly plan."

CTV to air Conan two hours later than in it does in U.S.

TALK SHOW Canadians will be able to see Conan O'Brien's new talk show this fall — but they might have to stay up pretty late to do so.

CTV announced this morning that it will air O'Brien's new show at 1 a.m. — a full two hours after Americans will be able to watch it on TBS.

A spokesman for CTV said that the late-night program, which will debut in November, will also air on the Comedy Network, but said that time slot has yet to be determined.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Golden Girl' McClanahan dies

Rue McClanahan, the Emmy-winning actress who brought the sexually liberated Southern belle Blanche Devereaux to life on the hit TV series The Golden Girls, has died. She was 76.

Her manager Barbara Lawrence said McClanahan died Thursday at 1 a.m. of a stroke.

She had undergone treatment for breast cancer in 1997 and later lectured to cancer support groups on "aging gracefully." In 2009, she had heart bypass surgery.

Rue McClanahan

McClanahan had an active career in off-Broadway and regional stages in the 1960s before she was tapped for TV in the 1970s for the key best-friend character on the hit series Maude, starring Beatrice Arthur.

But her most loved role came in 1985 when she co-starred with Arthur, Betty White and Estelle Getty in The Golden Girls, a runaway hit that broke the sitcom mould by focusing on the foibles of four aging — and frequently eccentric — women living together in Miami.

Golden Girls aimed to show "that when people mature, they add layers," she told The New York Times in 1985. "They don't turn into other creatures. The truth is we all still have our child, our adolescent, and your young woman living in us."

McClanahan snagged an Emmy for her work on the show in 1987. In an Associated Press interview that year, McClanahan said Blanche was unlike any other role she had ever played. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRIDAY 6/4/10 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
news	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey		News	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	CBC News: The National		The Hour (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Access H.	Medium "Psych" (CC)		Flashpoint (CC)		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Friday Night Lights (N)		Shark Tank (CC)		NUMB3RS "Checkmate"		News
	256	389	12 VI	Canada's Worst Driver		Past Life (N) (CC)		Stargate Atlantis (CC)		Stargate Atlantis (CC)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Mantracker "Julio and Joe"		Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Burnout"		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Metallo" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Medium "Psych" (CC)		Flashpoint (CC)		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC The consequences of the oil spill. (N) (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	A Celebration of Real Miracles Children's hospital. (CC)								News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Past Life (N) (CC)		House "Ignorance Is Bliss"		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Doc Zone		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)				Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Oakland Athletics. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off-Record	North American Poker Tour		North American Poker Tour		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	The Karate Kid ★★ (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. (CC)						To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
cable variety	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	Son of the Mask ★ (2005) Jamie Kennedy.		
	268	354	5 KNO	Stewart Marshall: Painter		Poirot (CC)		Dalziel and Pascoe (CC)		Calle 54 ★★★ (2000) Bebo Valdés.		
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT's Greatest		Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Jim
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Jones"		Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Something Beneath (2007, Horror) Kevin Sorbo. (CC)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits (CC)
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) The Replacements ★★ (2000) (CC)		The Replacements ★★ (2000) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman. (CC)						Saving Sil
	603	561	55 FN	Diners	Diners	CheF OFF!	Thirsty	Diners, Drive	Unwrapped	Wild Chef	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	56 AMC	Halloween ★★★ (1978, Horror) Donald Pleasence.				Pet Sematary ★★ (1989) Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne.				Pet Sematary
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) Fanboys ★★ (2008)		Brüno ★★ (2009) Sacha Baron Cohen.				Paul Blart: Mall Cop ★★ (2009) (CC)		Seven
	581	566	101 MTV	The Hills	After	MTV Live	Movie Night	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV Live

SATURDAY 6/5/10 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
news	251	308	3 CBC	Felicity: American Girl		Canada Russia '72 (2006) (Part 1 of 2) Booth Savage.				(:10) Canada Russia '72 (2006) (Part 2 of 2)		
	250	321	9 CTV	W5 (CC) (DVS)		Elijah (2007, Biography) Billy Merasty, Maury Chaykin. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Children's Miracle Network (N) (CC)								News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Road to Avonlea (CC)		Defying Gravity		Murder in My House (2006, Suspense) Barbara Niven. (CC)				Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Four Seasons-Isadore Sharp		Snowman's Pass (2004) Nicole Eggert. (CC) (DVS)				Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	The Animal ★ (2001) Rob Schneider, Colleen Haskell.				CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Three Rivers "Win-Loss" (N)		Medium "Dear Dad ..."		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent Auditions begin in Los Angeles.				Northwest Newsmakers		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelorette Ali experiences car trouble on a date.				Castle (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Wanda Sykes
	502	390	26 NW	Inside the Saudi Kingdom		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	Inside the Saudi Kingdom		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Toxic Towns USA		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Toxic Towns
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		North American Poker Tour		North American Poker Tour		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit ★★★				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Amazing Planet (CC)		Heartbeat "Ups and Downs"		Midsomer Murders A photographer is found dead. (CC)				Calle 54
	575	583	20 CMT	Live at the 2009 CCMA's		CMT on the Beach Jamaica.		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Gilmore Girls "Come Home"		Tuckerville
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Aftermath"		CSI: Miami (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Disappeared "Dark Waters"		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Disappeared (CC)		Disappeared "Dark Waters"		Dateline: Real
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Dark Storm (2006) Stephen Baldwin, William B. Davis. (CC)				Superbad ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill. (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Eurotrip ★★ (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (CC)				A Guy Thing ★ (2003) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles. (CC)				Music
	603	561	55 FN	Top Chef Masters (CC)		Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Chopped (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	56 AMC	Outbreak ★★ (1995) Dustin Hoffman. Army doctor fights spread of deadly virus. (CC)						Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story ★★★ (1993)		
	320	621	60 CEN	Harry Potter-Prince		Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ★★★ (2009) Daniel Radcliffe.				(:45) Two Lovers ★★★		
	581	566	101 MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	MTV Live	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays	Sex News	After

SUNDAY 6/6/10 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
news	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey		Rick Mercer	The Nature of Things (CC)		Laughs	CBC News: The National		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Degrassi	Degrassi	Foolproof ★★ (2003) Ryan Reynolds. (CC) (DVS)				Flashpoint "The Fortress"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9-Picture	Family	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Tucson	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		Solaris ★★★ (2002) George Clooney, Jeremy Davies. (CC)				New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Chuck (Season Finale) The Ring closes in on Chuck. (N)				Murdoch Mysteries		Four Seasons-Isadore Sharp		Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: NY "The Deep" (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		Medium (CC)		The Good Wife "Stripped"		Cold Case (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	NHL Hockey		Harry Potter	Dateline NBC	America's Got Talent (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	NBA Basketball		J. Kimmel	News	The 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee (Taped) (CC)				News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	Tucson	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
	502	390	26 NW	Volcano That Stopped		Mystery of the MegaVolcano		CBC News: The National		Volcano That Stopped		MegaVolcano
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Toxic Childhood		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Toxic
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Red Bull: Air Race (Taped)				Sportsnet Connected		Ultimate Fight
	400	400	30 TSN	NBA Basketball		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Boxing Librado Andrade vs. Eric Lucas.				SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) The Karate Kid Part II ★★ (1986)			Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
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Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers, Glee Cast; 2. Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots; 3 My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 4. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Music

National storms the charts

Indie act finds success on both sides of the border

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

One week after learning his band's new album became the second and third best-selling in Canada and the U.S., respectively, drummer Bryan Devendorf is still at a loss for words.

"It's weird," he says. "We're definitely not a mainstream band that would be thought of on the same level as Justin Bieber."

As he's quick to point out, the new National album, High Violet, did slip a number of spots in its second week of release, but Devendorf and his bandmates have a lot to celebrate after more than a decade together.

The indie band's profile has seen a significant rise over the course of five critically acclaimed albums. Their last, 2007's Boxer, was unavoidable in the music press and on television, where its songs graced every show from Chuck and Gossip Girl to Barack Obama's campaign video. Despite this exposure, Devendorf still feels The National benefit most from grassroots exposure.

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Bryan Devendorf

"It's word of mouth, but also with that encompasses the Internet, which helps," he explains. "It could also be just perseverance, we've been doing this for ten years now. It's like in politics, you hang around long enough and then you can run for President."

Like any wise politician, The National haven't changed many policies in the last decade. Meticulously co-produced with Peter Katis (Jónsi, Interpol), High Violet stays true to the Brooklyn band's dependable model of evocative and forlorn rock. Yes, they still sound depressed, a description that follows them like a bad smell.

"People bring their own interpretations — they might be depressed themselves or they might identify with elements," Devendorf says. "There is a lot of accuracy to that. But it's also depressive in how black humour can be depressive, it's not maudlin. It's humorously depressive."

Devendorf feels the mood and sound of the album may not sound like a big stretch from Boxer but it wasn't planned that way. "While it's still kind of orchestral and lush, the album is a little more straightforward and the core songwriting is simpler.

"We produce ourselves along with Peter Katis, so it's kind of this team that does a similar thing," he adds. "We were trying to do something different. We have this sort of tic where the songs all start smoldering into this peak and become an epic thing. I think we might just try to write songs that don't have verses and choruses. At least we say we will, but we probably actually won.'"

The National has seen a significant rise in its profile over the course of five critically acclaimed albums.

Developer gets death threats for Bieber blocker

APPS No one could ever accuse Justin Bieber fans of not being passionate in their feelings about the teen pop star.

Just ask New York web developer Greg Leuch.

He's been getting death threats and has been compared to Hitler for designing an application that blocks all mentions of Justin Bieber from a user's computer browser.

The application can be downloaded as a Firefox plug-in or added to a browser blocks the words "Bieber," "Justin Bieber" and any photos that have file names containing those words.

But says he designed the application because a co-worker asked him to help him rid Bieber from his online search results.

Leuch posted the application to a free technology website — and that's when the hate mail started pouring in from around the world.

One fan wrote, "I know many things about you and I know where you live. Just be aware I might appear behind you and shoot you with a gun."

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Amazon.ca's top albums

1. To The Sea, Jack Johnson; 2. Exile on Main Street, The Rolling Stones; 3. Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers, Glee Cast; Brothers, The Black Keys; 5. High Violet, The National. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Say It is the new album from Born Ruffians.

Say what?

Born Ruffians learn to speak their minds to resolve issues

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

A lot has happened to Toronto's Born Ruffians in the two years since they dropped their debut album, but Luke Lalonde refuses to compare his band's communication breakdown to the one Metallica famously documented in its film Some Kind of Monster.

"The fact that they would go to a therapist and couldn't just work things out, that s— is hilarious," singer/guitarist says with laughter. "Their issues were bulls—! We just talked to each other. It just helped for someone to say what the problems were. It was nice to talk about everything."

After drummer Steve Hamelin gave up on touring with the band, Lalonde and bassist Mitch Derosier were left to rebuild. Hamelin stayed on to record, but was replaced by Ahmed Gallab for a Franz Ferdinand tour, which also saw the addition of now full-time multi-instrumentalist Andy Lloyd.

"We said, 'Let's finish this and keep our sound as a band. Then play it by ear,'" explains Lalonde. "After we finished recording, Steve told us he wanted to give it another try. The timing was perfect because Ahmed was moving on to work with Yeasayer and we needed to find another drummer."

The title of the sprightly indie rockers' new album Say It is a reference to their new philosophy to speak their minds. "A lot of the air had been cleared of those things that built up over time but were really nothing," Lalonde admits.

"It just helped for someone to say what the problems were. It was nice to talk about everything."
Luke Lalonde

"Things were just a little more chilled out, which was really reflected the songwriting."

Say It isn't just more chilled, it's also a giant mature leap from the youthful exuberance of 2008's Red Yellow and Blue. The band has ripened and stripped down their arrangements, losing the vigorous, trademark group chants and those blatant left turns that were often a "make or break" scenario for listeners.

"We used to do that intentionally," Lalonde says of their spontaneous melodic disruptions. "We wanted to subvert the obvious and make people perk up. This record we actually said out loud, 'Let's do what feels like the pop thing to do.' Ultimately that's more fun. But I'm learning that maybe we're doomed to become that kind of FM radio band."

Part of the fun included Lalonde giving Say It some sax appeal. "It's only prominent on one song, and we scaled the others back as more of a textural thing. Initially I wanted — I'm not joking — a straight-up, rock sax solo. It never worked out. I think it would have been on the wrong side of good taste."

In Concert

- Born Ruffians play the Biltmore Cabaret on June 9.

A rebuttal to Rolling Stone

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Last week, Rolling Stone trotted out another of its 500 Greatest Songs of All Time lists. The list is suspiciously similar (and for some stretches — including the top 10 — completely identical) to a list issued in December 2004.

If you haven't seen it yet, I'll save you the trouble. Here's the top five: 1. Like a Rolling Stone, Bob Dylan; 2. (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction/Rolling Stones (Hmm. The top two songs mention "Rolling Stone"); 3. Imagine, John Lennon; 4. What's Going On, Marvin Gaye; and 5. Respect, Aretha Franklin.

Without question, these are fine songs. But in Rolling Stone's view — a magazine mired in the '60s and '70s — no one has been able to write a better rock song since John Lennon woke up one morning and plunked out Imagine before breakfast. That was 39 years ago. Even Homer Simpson was more progressive (Everyone knows that rock attained perfection in 1974!)

The most recent song is Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit at No. 9. The rest of the list is dominated by the usual RS suspects: The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley and The Beach Boys.

If I were King of the Lists, my top 10 would be substantially more ecumenical. I'd include One from U2 (RS has it at No. 36), Sweet Child O' Mine by Guns 'N Roses (No. 198), Radiohead's Fake Plastic Trees (No. 385) and Killing in the Name Of/Rage Against the Machine —which inexplicably didn't even make the cut, apparently so that 99 Problems by Jay-Z and Do Ya Think I'm Sexy from Rod Stewart could.

I'd also make sure that London Calling from the Clash (RS's No. 15) and the Sex Pistols' Anarchy in the UK (No. 56) was in there, too. Zeppelin's Kashmir should surely rank higher than No. 141. There's no way you can't have Bob Marley's Get Up, Stand Up in any top 10, yet RS thinks it's worth just No. 302. And Nirvana can stay in the top ten. I might even argue for some White Stripes.

And my No. 1? I've long maintained that the greatest rock song of all time is Won't Get Fooled Again by The Who. Timeless social/political commentary? Check. Energy quotient? Off the charts. Awesome scream? Maybe the best ever recorded. Does it still sound fresh? Absolutely. And where does Rolling Stone rank it? No. 134. Please.

The top two songs on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time mention "Rolling Stone." Bob Dylan's Like a Rolling Stone tops the list.

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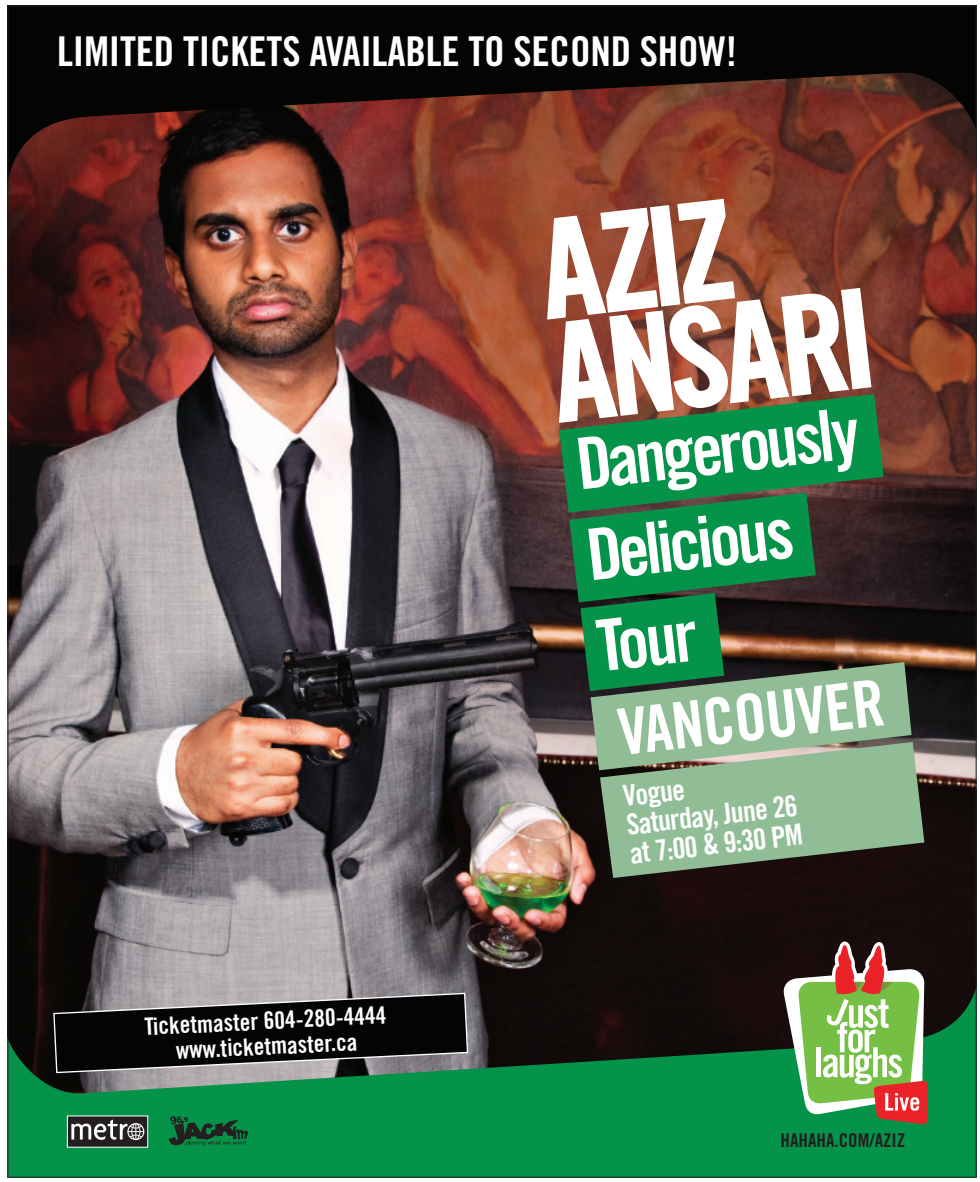


'World's Ugliest Dog' dies

Miss Ellie, a small, bug-eyed Chinese Crested Hairless dog whose pimples and lolling tongue helped her win Animal Planet's World's Ugliest Dog contest in 2009, has died at age 17. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Mix of Six

Slugfest

When: Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Richmond Nature Park, 11851 Westminster Hwy.

This annual free family event is open to slugs and humans of all ages and includes carnival games, treasure hunts, slime-making workshops and the Great Richmond Slug Race. For more information call 604-718-6188 or visit richmondnatureparksociety.ca.

Let's Talk About Sex: Getting Some

When: Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Sandman Hotel Ballroom, 180 West Georgia St.

A panel of expert sex and relationship coaches will hold a public discussion on how to get sex in conventional dating. Topics will include one-night stands and the change in public sexual appetites. To RSVP or for more information visit vancouverdatingguide.ca.

Silent Walk and Run for the B.C. Deaf Sports Federation

When: Saturday, 9 a.m.
Where: Burnaby Lake

Walk or run in silence to show your support for B.C.'s deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes. Admission is $30 for adults, $25 for students (18-) and $15 for children (10-), and includes lunch and a BCDSF golf shirt. Information: bcdeafsports.bc.ca

Play On! 2010 4-on-4 Street Hockey Tournament

When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: Metropolis at Metrotown

Ply your skills over the weekend at North America's largest street-hockey tournament, which is making a stop in Burnaby for the first time. Registration for a team of five ranges from $150 to $300 depending on age and skill level. Information: playon.ca.

Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life

When: Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Where: Eric Hamber Secondary School

The Relay for Life is a 12-hour overnight event that raises funds for cancer research, support of cancer victims, and prevention initiatives. Participants are expected to raise $100. Information: cancer.ca

Italian Day on Commercial Drive

When: Sunday
Where: Commercial Drive from Venables Street to the Grandview Cut

After a three-decade hiatus Italian Day has returned to Commercial Drive. The event features Italian food, sports and activities like pizza tossing and grape crushing. For more information visit thedrive.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Howie Mandel

TV It looks like the Canadian comedian is still at the top of his game. His show Deal Or No Deal is still going strong, and his newest gig, as a judge on America's Got Talent, is also paying off. The show, now in its fourth season, had strong ratings when it premiered this week.

2 Club Dead

BOOK The third season of True Blood premieres on HBO Canada later this month, and to mark the occasion Penguin has re-released Charlaine Harris' third novel in the Sookie Stackhouse series, Club Dead. The new season is based on the novel, which sees heroine Sookie travel to Mississippi in search of her missing vampire lover, Bill.

3 Splice Yourself

INTERNET More Victor Frankenstein than Gregor Mendel, the net has a new application that allows you to "splice" a photo of yourself. The application is based on the new Sarah Polley and Adrian Brody film about scientists who splice DNA from different animals together to create a new species. It is in theatres this weekend. splicethefilm.com.

4 Shutter Island

DVD Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio's latest collaboration is being released on Tuesday. The film sees DiCaprio play a U.S. marshal investigating the disappearance of a woman from a hospital for the criminally insane on Shutter Island.

5 Soccer T-shirt

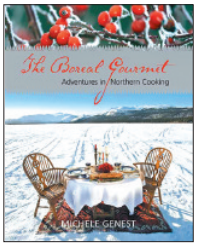
SPORTS A new ad from the Dutch Football Federation is causing a bit of a commotion on the Internet, and daring men to show off their chests. It features an orange T-shirt that has the face of a screaming soccer player printed on the inside. When the model in the ad pulls the front of his shirt over his head, the athlete's face covers his own. No word on whether the shirt is actually for sale.

6 Donald Glover

CELEBRITY The star of the Community series might have an action movie under his belt — if his fans have their way. In the tradition of the Betty White-SNL Facebook petition, a new page has popped up urging producers to cast Glover as Spider-Man in the newest incarnation of the web-slinger series.

7 The Boreal Gourmet

FOOD Canada's north is being celebrated in this new book by Michele Genest, who has creatively adapted Yukon recipes into gourmet creations. Her creations include an Elk Liver Pate, Smoked Fish Mousse, and Grilled Moose Steaks.



Dolphin hunt film The Cove cancelled in Tokyo after warnings of protests

FILM A movie theatre in Tokyo decided against showing the dolphin-hunt documentary The Cove after nationalist pressure and warnings of protests, the distributor said Thursday.

In recent months, activists have protested and screamed slogans outside the Tokyo office of the Japanese distributor, Unplugged, alleging that support for the film signals betrayal of Japanese pride.

Theater N Shibuya was scheduled to start showing the film June 26. Unplugged said the theatre changed its mind after getting deluged with angry telephone calls and being warned that screenings would be met with protests.

The American movie that won the Academy Award for documentary this year shows undercover footage of the dolphin hunt in a Japanese village and documents efforts by Ric O'Barry, a former trainer for the Flipper TV series, to stop the slaughter of dolphins for food.

"They know that the massive dolphin slaughter is indefensible — tragically cruel — scientifically unsupportable."
Ric O'Barry, former Flipper trainer

Takeshi Kato of Unplugged said he remained determined to show the film, and talks will continue with other theatres.

"This is definitely not an anti-Japanese film," he said in a statement. "We believe it is necessary to carry out constructive discussion of the issue."

Most Japanese have never eaten dolphin meat. But some believe killing dolphins and whales is part of traditional culinary culture and resent the interference of outsiders focused on species protection.

The Cove screened at the Tokyo International Film Festival in October and at smaller events in Japan but has yet to open to the Japanese public. The Japanese version blurs the faces of some people on screen, such as fishermen, to lessen the possibility of trouble.

O'Barry said the film needs to be shown, so that word would spread and Japanese would want the hunts stopped.

"Why are they so scared about the truth of the dolphin slaughter getting out?" he said in an email Thursday. "Because they know that the massive dolphin slaughter is indefensible — tragically cruel — scientifically unsupportable." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rush sent letter to Paul
The Canadian rock band Rush has sent a letter to Kentucky U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul, saying his campaign is violating copyright laws by playing their music without permission. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(Music) girls gone wild

Latest provocative clips hitting the web are made by women

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

More than 70 million people have watched two of the world's biggest pop stars murder a restaurant full of people and slip into a sexy, synchronized dance routine amongst the dead bodies.

While Lady Gaga and Beyonce's nine-minute treatment for the song Telephone bears the rectangular red "explicit" tag on iTunes — where it sits comfortably as the No. 2 most purchased video — it is hardly the most shocking video to come out in the past few months. But what is perhaps more shocking than any of the actual clips in question is that they were all made by women.

In Christina Aguilera's video for Not Myself Tonight, which is No. 3 on the iTunes videos chart, she plays a cussing dominatrix, who covers her scantily clad body in what appears to be liquid leather and makes both the boys and girls go gaga, basically by going Gaga.

Other recent controversial videos by women include Erykah Badu's public assassination strip tease in Window Seat and M.I.A.'s epically violent Born Free, in which the government rounds up redheads and executes them.

Marketing strategist Rachel Weingarten worked with Aguilera at the dawn of her career, and says she is disappointed by how derivative of Madonna and Lady Gaga the singer's latest is. Weingarten also says these women are being controversial only to make money in a dying music industry.

"What they're trying to do is attract the audience that's actually still buying electronics and still buying any of these things, and that's the young guy demographic, sitting in front of the computer and drooling over the video and actually spending the $2," she says.

Weingarten might be onto something: All of these videos were directed by men. However, most of the women have spoken about their extensive involvement in the projects.

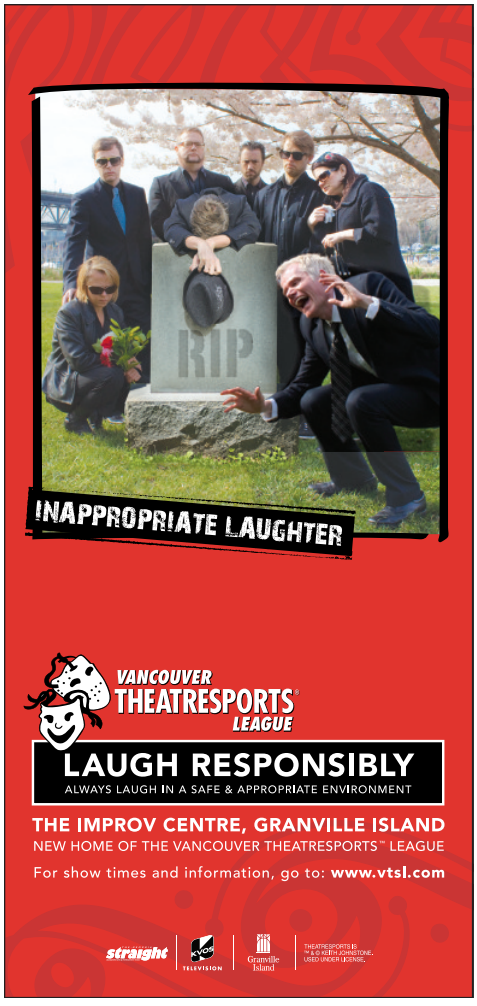
Badu, who was charged with disorderly conduct late last month after stripping in the spot where JFK was shot — she pleaded not guilty — says she thinks she was misunderstood.

"It's about freeing oneself of the layers and layers of things that we have learned as Americans in this country," she told MTV News.

Steve Waksman, professor of music and American studies at Smith College, seems heartened by the trend: "I think it's really interesting that you have a group of women who are all making very provocative statements," he says. "The Internet is allowing video to circulate, and is opening up some different avenues for both male and female artists, but I think it's interesting women are taking more advantage of it."

"It's about freeing oneself of the layers and layers of things that we have learned as Americans in this country"
Erykah Badu, musician

Videos are experiencing a comeback online with women — like M.I.A. (right) and Lady Gaga (above) — behind some of the most controversial ones.



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Bedouin Soundclash's Eon Sinclair performs in this file photo. In lieu of Virgin Fest this year, Virgin Mobile is sponsoring free concerts in Toronto and Montreal including performances by Bedouin Soundclash, among others.

Virgin Fest takes year off due to the economy

CANCELLED A dearth of available talent and continued worries that consumers are cutting back have led to the cancellation of Virgin Festival concerts across Canada, for at least this year.

Shows were staged last year in Calgary, Toronto, Burnaby, B.C., Halifax and Montreal with big-name headliners including Nine Inch Nails, Pearl Jam, and the Black Eyed Peas.

The festival had some logistical problems, including a change of venue in Toronto after slow ticket sales for a show north of the city. And the headliner in Halifax, the Tragically Hip, cancelled at the last minute. The festival still went on as scheduled and was turned into a free show.

A spokesman said the problems with last year's shows didn't kill the festival and the decision not to go ahead was just made in recent weeks.

"Those kinds of things, logistics stuff, are not the kinds of things we really pay attention to because that's pretty standard, every event comes with its own challenges and issues," said Nathan Rosenberg, chief marketing officer for Virgin Mobile.

"The economy was a factor in deciding not to stage the shows this summer, as were scheduling conflicts with preferred headline acts.

"We've always had a commitment to provide festivals that we think provide talent that people don't get to see that often and when you can't get that perfect lineup that we think best represents the brand, then we took that decision that this isn't going to be an event that we would consider right to do."

"When we looked at what we were able to get from a talent point of view it just didn't give us that level of confidence."
Virgin Mobile's Nathan Rosenberg

He said the acts targeted as headliners are touring solo this summer or were otherwise unavailable.

"When we looked at what we were able to get from a talent point of view it just didn't give us that level of confidence," Rosenberg added.

Virgin Mobile is instead sponsoring free concerts in Toronto and Montreal including performances by Iggy Pop and the Stooges, Karl Wolf, Bedouin Soundclash and Faber Drive. In the U.S., the company is organizing Freefest festivals, which are also open to the public.

"We've transitioned our strategy," Rosenberg said, "it kind of just reflects the world we're in at the moment." THE CANADIAN PRESS

High Fidelity author spins another tale of love, loss and music.

Hornby faithful to rock 'n' roll

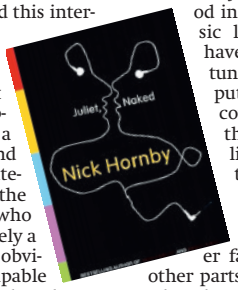
Author sticks to familiar themes in latest book

AURELIE SARROT
for Metro World

London author Nick Hornby has scored his sixth bestseller with his new novel Juliet Naked. The book revisits all the familiar Hornby themes of rock 'n' roll, love and obsession.

Q Where did the idea for Juliet Naked come from?

A I read this interview of Sly Stone who hadn't spoken publicly for a long time and the excitement of the journalist, who was very likely a fan, was so obvious and palpable that I wanted to do something with it. Then I was fascinated with the way the Internet deals with the relation between artist and fan. Juliet Naked is a mix of all those things.



Q Does Juliet Naked hark back to High Fidelity?

A The character of Tucker Crowe wasn't meant to be a musician. He could have been a writer or a painter, but I think it's more interesting for everybody, and especially for me to have him being a musician. The book is based on art and the meaning it can have upon different people.

Q Has the music changed since High Fidelity?

A Of course, everything has changed since High Fidelity. Today is the best period in history for music lovers. You can have millions of tunes in your computer, you can discover genius on the web, you can listen to stuff that has never been released on an LP, you can meet other fans that live in other parts of the world… what else can a fan ask for?

Q Juliet Naked is the name of the long-awaited album, and also the title of the book. What made you decide to give both the same name?

A I think the word "naked" next to a girl's name always has some effect! And even more when it's next to Juliet — it sounds so classical and romantic.

Entertainment in brief

ATTENTION ALL GLEEKS: Andrew Lloyd Webber's global hit The Phantom of the Opera may be coming to a high school or college near you. R&H Theatricals said Thursday it is accepting applications from school groups in the U.S. and Canada for performances beginning Sept. 1.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coleman's partner had authority to take him off life support

A spokeswoman for a Utah hospital says Gary Coleman's partner Shannon Price had the authority to take the former child TV star off life support. Coleman died from a brain hemorrhage Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Retro wives' bring back classic style

Backlash of modernity results in nostalgia for post-war era

The ineffable cool and razor-sharp stylings of international TV hit Mad Men reminded the world just what a classic era the 1950s and 1960s was.

But for a certain type of person this came as no surprise. They are known as 'retro wives' and they cherish the old times, the colorful houses, black and white TVs, the outlandish cars, and values most 21st century women would see as, well, mad.

Joanne Massey (a.k.a. Lola Lamour) lives in Birmingham, north-west England, in a house that resembles a 1950s time capsule, with a black and white TV, stone fireplace, over-bright decoration and posters of old films.

"Everything modern just seems bland to me in comparison. I couldn't imagine driving anything but my Ford Anglia," she said in a blog dedicated to people known as "timewarpians."

She takes pride in being an "old-school housewife", cooking for her husband, Kevin, and keeping the house immaculate.

But Massey also holds three demanding jobs, including a successful singing career performing in wartime events across the country almost every weekend.

"When I was young, I would watch all the old stars singing in the movies and dreaming that I could be like that one day," said the timewarpian.

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The hit TV show Mad Men has inspired some people to bring back retro styles from the 1950s and '60s.

Massey is not alone in her quest for the old days.

Carmen Johnson is a retro artist and journalist who has been following the lives of people like Massey for years. She grew up in Miami in the 1970s but wishes she could have lived through the 1950s.

"I feel I was born in the wrong time. I like the '70s but not as much as the '40s and the '50s, I love the elegance, the fashion and the music. But retro living is not only exterior but about old-school values. This world that we live in, everything is hectic, everything is in a rush and people stop having that communication with each other," she told Metro.

"I feel like I was born in the wrong time. ... But retro living is not only exterior but about old-school values."
Carmen Johnson

Johnson dresses vintage most of the time. Her website called timewarpwives.blogspot.com features everything from shopping tips to home cleaning advice and ideas to find the perfect job — all in 1940s and 1950s style.

The artist says the thing people ask her the most is how retro wives live without today's technology but most believe it is possible to combine the old and the new.

"I find that most retro wives need technology. I spoke to this woman who lives like in the 1940s but she has a computer and buys her retro things on eBay. Some say they hide certain electronics because they don't combine well with the rest of the décor."

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Kevin Costner is a father for the seventh time. The actor's wife gave birth to a daughter on Wednesday, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

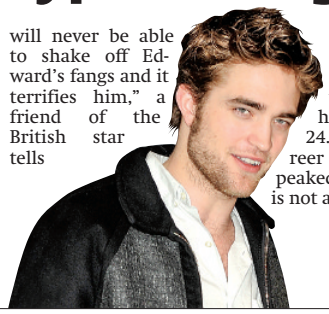
Elin wants to raise Tiger's cubs on her own: Source

STRAIGHT TO THE LION'S DEN In the impending divorce battle between Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren, she is reportedly planning on going after full custody of their two children, according to Radar Online. Though speculation had been that they'd agree to joint custody, that has reportedly changed. "Elin isn't saying that she's moving to Sweden but she does want full custody now," a source says. "She has changed a lot since Tiger's cheating was discovered and since he returned to golf, she's distanced herself from him. It seems to have killed the small chance they had at reconciling."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Twilight star haunted by vampire typecasting

OH CRY ME A RIVER, EDWARD. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE THAT POOR HARRY POTTER KID It may be a little late, but Robert Pattinson is worried that his Twilight success will hamper his future acting endeavors. "Robert is frightened to death that for the rest of his career he will be known as Edward Cullen. No matter what other roles he plays, he will never be able to shake off Edward's fangs and it terrifies him," a friend of the British star tells Popeater. "Of course, Rob loves the money that the role has made him, but he is only 24. To think your career has already peaked before you hit 25 is not a good thing."



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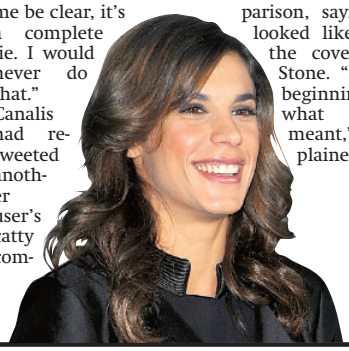
Clooney's girlfriend denies Aniston Twitter swipe

BRILLIANT! WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS USE TECHNOLOGY TO CLAIM TECHNOLOGICAL IGNORANCE Elisabetta Canalis, George Clooney's Italian girlfriend, nearly caused a celebrity war because of a misfired Twitter post comparing Jennifer Aniston to punk rocker Iggy Pop. "I just read on Google that I tweeted something bad about J. Aniston," Canalis posted on her account as way of explanation. "Let me be clear, it's a complete lie. I would never do that." Canalis had retweeted another user's catty comparison, saying that Pop looked like Aniston on the cover of Rolling Stone. "I was, at the beginning, not sure what 'retweeet' meant," Canalis explained.



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Cannon coy about Mariah pregnancy

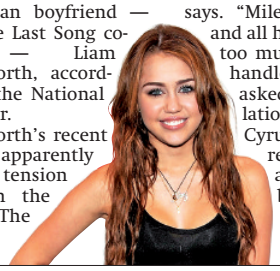
CAN'T YOU HEARTLESS FOOLS RESPECT THAT THEY'RE HOLDING OUT FOR A PEOPLE MAGAZINE COVER? Nick Cannon is getting fed up with speculation about wife Mariah Carey's possible pregnancy, insisting that if he and her family don't know about it first, it isn't happening.

"I'm pretty sure that when my wife is ready to make any announcement it won't be to the media, to the public, first," he posted on his Twitter account. "She'll tell her family, she'll tell her friends, and then, you know, when she's ready to share with the rest of the world, who is her extended family and friends, then she'll let everybody know." But shooting down the rumors didn't stop him from joking on his radio show. "We're going to name all of our kids Mariah no matter if they're boys or girls," he said.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Cyrus and boyfriend on hiatus

ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING MALE ACTORS AND SINGERS: CASTING AT NOON It looks like trouble in paradise for Miley Cyrus, who is reportedly on the outs with Australian boyfriend — and The Last Song co-star — Liam Hemsworth, according to the National Enquirer. Hemsworth's recent success apparently caused tension between the two. "The result was a vicious fight — and Liam bolted. He said he's tired of her folks' interference and that Miley's jealous that his film career has taken off," a source says. "Miley, her family and all her baggage are too much for him to handle." When asked about the relationship herself, Cyrus reportedly responded, "We are on a break."



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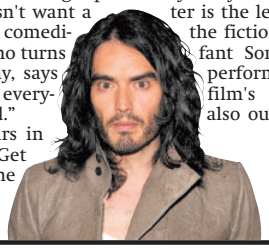
Russell Brand's birthday wishes

PLEASE START WITH A BATH OF SOME KIND Russell Brand's birthday is coming up – but he doesn't want a thing. The comedian-actor, who turns 35 on Friday, says he's "got everything I need."

Brand stars in the film Get Him to the Greek, which opens Friday, and is engaged to pop singer Katy Perry. Brand's character is the lead singer of the fictional band Infant Sorrow, which performs on the film's soundtrack, also out this week.



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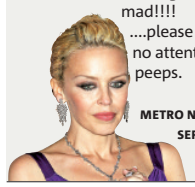

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Heidi and Spencer split most likely a 'fake-up'

AND IN OTHER SHOCKING NEWS, REALITY TV IS SCRIPTED Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt's separation is actually just one big publicity ploy, according to Us Weekly. "Heidi and Spencer are laughing over it and having a blast," a source says. "This breakup is the latest part of Spencer's master plan. There are no plans for divorce." Montag is reportedly trying to sell producers on a single-girls reality show about her and a pal now that their MTV series, The Hills, is over.

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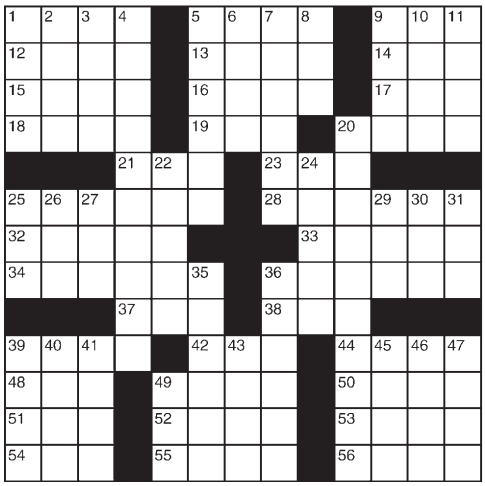

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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2	3	8	1	5	6	4	9	7
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Metro Recipe of the Day

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INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup long-grain white rice
500 g smoked haddock or cod fillets
2 bay leaves
4 whole black peppercorns
1 tbsp butter
1 onion, chopped
1 tsp curry powder
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
2 hard-boiled large eggs, sieved
2 tbsp minced parsley

METHOD:

1. In medium pot, cook rice according to package directions, omitting salt.

2. Meanwhile, in large skillet, place fish in single layer. Cover with cold water. Add bay leaves and peppercorns. Bring to boil. Simmer, covered, 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with fork. Drain fish; discard cooking liquid and seasonings. Cool fish slightly. Remove and discard skin and bones. Use fork to flake fish. Set aside.

3. In same skillet, melt butter over moderate heat. Add onion and cook 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in curry powder and cayenne pepper. Cook, stirring 1 minute. Stir in cooked rice and half of sieved egg. Add fish; combine. Heat through, stirring constantly. To serve, sprinkle with remaining sieved egg and parsley.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The more time you spend thinking about doing something the more excuses you will find to put off doing it.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It is never too late to tell someone that you love them, so what are you waiting for? Like you they are looking for an opportunity to kiss and make up.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If there is something you feel you have to do as a matter of duty but don't really want to make the effort then it is hardly likely to be a resounding success.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will get the chance to go back and finish something you should have completed weeks, months, maybe even years ago. Don't wait any longer — do it.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
There is nothing more you can do to influence a situation to do with your work or your family life. You have said your piece and now it is out of your hands.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't create work for yourself. You have enough on your plate as it is without adding to your responsibilities.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may feel that a partner or colleague is behaving unreasonably but why do they act that way? Have you given it any thought? Maybe you should.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You need to let rivals and competitors know that you mean business, but not in a way that antagonizes them.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
With so many good things going on in your life you may feel that you can do as you please. To an extent that is true but don't take too much for granted.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Why do you feel that you need to escape from your current situation? It may not be perfect but it's not as bad as you seem to think it is.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
There is no reason why you should just stand there and take the criticisms that certain people are throwing in your direction.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A giant burden has been lifted from your shoulders and now you feel so light that you believe you could fly!

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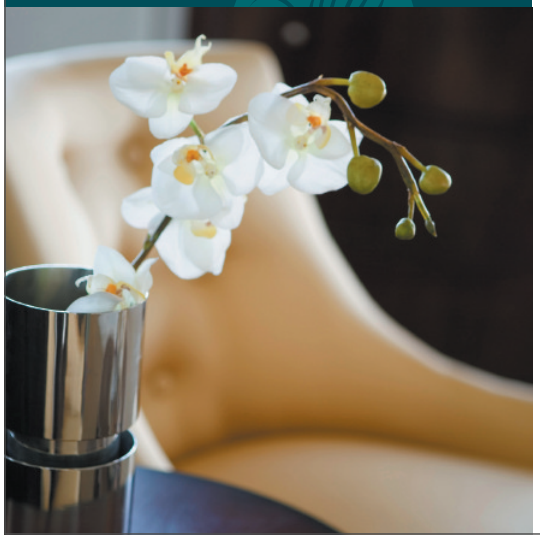

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